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Russia's Protest To Atlantic Powers

PACT ASSAILED AS AN AGGRESSIVE INSTRUMENT

Speculation In London Diplomatic Quarters

WILL SOVIET DECLARE TREATIES 'NULL & VOID'?

MOSCOW, April 1 (PTI-Reuter): Ilya Ehrenburg, leading Soviet Journalist, today described as a "black pact" the north Atlantic Treaty which the Foreign Ministers of twelve Nations are to sign in Washington on Monday.

RUSSIAN PROTEST

His attack, contained in an article in the Moscow Magazine, Life and Culture, coincided with the formal delivery this morning of a Russian Note of protest to the Atlantic Powers, assailing the pact as an aggressive instrument aimed at the Soviet Union.

"Directed Against Soviet Union"

Whatever Governments might do, said Ehrenburg, the people of Europe would never accept the "Black Pact"—ratification by legislative organs was one thing, but "ratification by the people is another".

The Soviet Memorandum on the North Atlantic Treaty, broadcast early today by Moscow Radio, before its delivery in the several capitals of the Atlantic Powers, said that "of the great Powers, only the Soviet Union is excluded from among the parties to this treaty, which can be explained only by the Pact that this treaty is directed against the Soviet union".

LONDON, April 1. (PTI-Reuter)—A copy of the Memorandum was delivered to the British Foreign Office this morning by Soviet Embassy special messenger.

It was urgently telegraphed to Mr. Ernest Bevin, British Foreign Secretary, in Washington, though it was believed that he would already know of its contents through the United States State Department.

BREACH OF TREATIES

London Diplomatic quarters speculated over the possibility that the Soviet Union, declaring that the Atlantic Pact is a breach of treaties to which the Soviet Union is a party, might now declare these treaties 'null and void'.

U. S. REPLY TO SOVIET NOTE

WASINGTON, April 1. (PTI-Reuter)—A United States State Department spokesman said today that Russia could prevent the collective defence arrangements under the North Atlantic treaty from coming into operation "by the simple expedient of not attacking any one".

The spokesman was replying to the Soviet Note attacking the North Atlantic treaty.

To Soviet charges that the treaty was "openly aggressive", the spokesman declared that the alliance was not directed against anyone as an instrument.

He pointed out that the operative clause of the Treaty, Article Five, providing for joint action in collective self-defence by the North Atlantic Powers, did not come into operation unless there had been an armed attack.

PURULIA'S QUOTA FOR GANDHI FUND

PURULIA, Mar. 31, (UPI): Dr. Rajendra Prasad was presented with a purse of Rs. 46,000 for the Gandhi National Memorial Fund at a meeting held at the Purulia Zila School Hall, during his visit to Purulia.

Flare-Up In Hyderabad

HYDERABAD, April 1 (UPI): One person was killed and nine others were injured in the communal flare-up in Karwan locality of the city on March 30 and 31, it is reported.

S.W. Africa To Get Representation In Union Parliament

CAPETOWN, April 1. (PTI-Reuter): The Committee stage of the South-West Africa Affairs Amendment Bill to change the constitution and give south-west Africa representation in the Union Parliament, was approved today.

The third reading will take place on April 4.

SYRIAN COALITION CABINET TALKS

DAMASCUS, April 1. (PTI-Reuter): Well over half the Syrian Parliament Deputies today agreed to support the new Government demanded by Col. Hushi Zaim, 50-year-old Army Chief of Staff who seized power in a bloodless COUP D'ETAT on Wednesday.

Shortly afterwards it was announced that truce talks with Israel, agreed to by the deposed Government under President Shoukhi El Kouatli, and due to have begun tomorrow will probably begin next Wednesday.

Both the President and the deposed Prime Minister, Khalid el Azim are to be "banished from Syrian political life" Col. Zaim said. They and about ten other Government department heads were still in custody today.

Consultations between the Army High Command and Parliamentary leaders were being held today for the formation of a "constitutional coalition cabinet."

Swedish Crown Prince With Mrs. Nehru

His Royal Highness the Crown Prince of Sweden is seen chatting with Mrs. Rajan Nehru, wife of India's first Minister in Sweden Mr. R. K. Nehru at the Indian Textile Exhibition held at Stockholm recently.

NANKING'S ENVOYS FLY TO PEIPING

To Open Long-Delayed Peace Talks With 'Reds'

NANKING, April 1 (PTI-Reuter): Nanking's six peace envoys flew to the ancient northern capital of Peiping today to open the long-delayed "end the civil war" talks with the Communists.

The delegates, headed by Gen. Chang Chih-Chung, were expected to have a first meeting with the Communists tonight, but, apart from the report of their arrival, there was a complete news blackout from Peiping.

NO JOURNALISTS ALLOWED

No journalists were allowed to accompany the mission to the Communist-occupied city.

Well-informed sources expect the talks—which may end the 20 years' strife to go on "for a long time".

Before leaving, Gen. Chang said: "We believe both sides will seek the people's interests and there will be no difficulties that cannot be overcome". Premier Ho Ying-Chin was among the large crowd at the airport to see the delegates off.

While the mission was on its way north, pro-Government reports claimed that powerful Communist forces attacking Anking for 10 days had orders to "deal a psychological blow at the Government" by capturing the Yangtse city before the peace talks began.

RED ATTACKS ON ANKING REPULSED

Government troops have repulsed repeated Communist attempts to break through the inner defences of Anking, which is on the Yangtse's north bank midway between Hankow and Nanking, the reports added.

Unconfirmed Shanghai press messages said Government naval units yesterday broke up a Communist attempt to cross the river by sinking 16 junks with men and supplies east of Anking.

The official Central News Agency announced from Hankow today that Communist troops had taken a town about 150 miles to the north.

The Communists were continuing their southward advance to Hankow but Government forces were withdrawing "with a view to achieving peace".

The Agency said Nanking troops could not make concessions immediately and if the Communists advanced again "vigorous fighting" would break out.

COMMUNIST-HELD TOWNS BOMBED

Reports from the Government stronghold of Chinkiang, on the south bank of the Yangtse between Nanking and Shanghai, said Government aircraft had bombed Communist-held towns north of the river.

A Communist convoy of 600 vehicles and over 100 field guns was said to be moving south to reinforce powerful Communist armies ranged along the Yangtse's north-bank between the capital and the coast.

BARODA-SAURASHTRA MERGER WITH BOMBAY?

Tripartite Talks At Secretariat: Bid To Reduce Disparity In Administration To Its Minimum

BOMBAY, Friday.

A tripartite conference of the Prime Ministers of Bombay, Baroda and Saurashtra will be held today to discuss the merger of Baroda and Saurashtra with the Province of Bombay. The Conference will be attended by members of the Bombay Cabinet.

This Conference, it is learnt, is a sequel to talks already held in respect of the merger of Baroda with Bombay at the Secretariat, yesterday.

JIVRAJ MEHTA MEETS KHER

Dr. Jivraj N. Mehta, Prime Minister of Baroda met Mr. B. G. Kher, Premier of Bombay and other Ministers of the Bombay Government yesterday and is understood to have discussed with them administrative problems connected with the merger of the Baroda State with the Province of Bombay.

It is understood that Dr. Mehta also held a series of consultations earlier with members of the Bombay Cabinet on the various measures which are to be taken to facilitate the integration of Baroda with the Province of Bombay. The talks centered round the taking over of the administration of the State by the Government of Bombay without permitting the slightest dislocation of the administrative machinery of Baroda.

There is some disparity between the two administrations as they exist at present, particularly with regard to the procurement and distribution of food and other essential commodities. The present talks it is learnt, were intended to reduce this disparity to its minimum and bring about an uniformity of administrations by the time the merger incomes effective exactly a month hence.

The question of assigning seats to the representatives of Baroda in the Bombay Legislature in proportion to the population of the State, it is learnt, was also discussed. The talks are still in an exploratory state and no final decision has been taken yet on this issue.

ARABS AMBUSH ISRAELI CAR

TEL AVIV, April 1 (PTI-Reuter):—An Israeli military car was ambushed by Arabs last night 15 miles west of Hebron, Southern Palestine, it was officially stated here today.

"Some casualties" were suffered by the Israelis, the statement said.

A military spokesman said the ambush took place within Israeli-held territory on the road between the villages of Al Queibaba and Al Dawayima, west of Hebron.

Hebron is held by the Transjordan Arab Legion.

Israel has reported the incident to the United Nations, the spokesman said

She is "exercising increased vigilance" in the area, but taking no punitive action, he added.

BETTIAH (Bihar), March 31 (API): A purse of Rs. 2,11,000 was presented to Dr. Rajendra Prasad, President of the Gandhi Smarak Nidhi, during his visit to Purnea yesterday.

This brings the total contribution of Purnea district to Rs. 6,31,876.

DANIEL COME TO JUDGMENT!

Kentucky School Doors Thrown Open To Negroes

LEXINGTON (Kentucky) April 1, (PTI-Reuter): The doors of the Kentucky University Graduate School have been opened to Negro students.

Federal Judge H. Church Ford has ruled that Negroes are entitled to entrance on the same basis as White residents until a graduate school for Negroes "substantially equal" to that at the university is provided by the State.

The ruling was given in a suit filed by Lyman Johnson, Louisville Negro school teacher.

Johnson was refused admission to the University Graduate School to study for a Degree of Doctor of Philosophy.

The University Board of Trustees its President and comptroller and several deans were named defendants in Johnson's suit.

Counsel for the University and the State said, the ruling would be appealed if authority was granted by the school and the State.

Judge Ford's decision came with unexpected suddenness.

Johnson's attorneys, all Negroes asked for a judgement on facts the defence rested its case.

The Judge announced "Until the State shall establish (for Negroes) a graduate school substantially equal to the graduate school at the University of Kentucky it must admit negroes on

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FAMINE RELIEF WORKS IN SURAT

SURAT, April 1 (API): A seven-mile road linking Hajira, (a health resort on Surat Sea coast) and Sumwali, near Surat town is to be constructed at a cost of Rs. 1,58,000 as a measure of famine of relief.

Villagers in the famine affected areas in Olpad Taluka will be employed on the work which will begin shortly, and will be paid on scarcity scale. Work will also begin on two minor irrigation works at Pardi Koba and Karan villages.

Mr. M. K. Deshpande, Collector of Surat told the Associated Press here that relief measures in the famine affected areas were being carried out "according to plan."

VIJAYA LAKSHMI LEAVES MOSCOW

MOSCOW, April 1, (U. P. A.): Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit left Moscow today after two years as Indian Ambassador to the Soviet Union to take up her new appointment as Ambassador to Washington.

Representatives of the entire diplomatic corps here were astir at dawn to travel to Vnuknov airport to bid farewell to Mrs. Pandit, sister of Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru. She is flying to Stockholm "en route" to New Delhi for a short visit and then will proceed to Washington via London.

WHY MONSTROUS POWERS FOR RELIGIOUS HEADS?

Existence Of Government Within Government Cannot Be Tolerated, Says Morarji

CALL TO EVACUEES TO COME BACK AND TAKE CHARGE OF THEIR PROPERTIES

BOMBAY, Friday.

Mr. Morarji Desai, Home Minister, Government of Bombay, described as "monstrous", the powers enjoyed by certain religious heads especially their powers of ex-communication. The Mullaji Sahib of the Dawoodi Bohras had told him that he was the "spiritual and temporal" head of his community. If he was the "temporal" head, what was the Government, asked the Home Minister, in the Legislative Assembly today.

EVACUEES' PROPERTIES

By virtue of the Bombay Evacuees (Administration of Property) Bill, which Mr. B. G. Kher, Premier, piloted through the Legislature, all transactions entered into by evacuees from the Province after the Bill becomes law in respect of the properties they have left behind, will be in valid, unless confirmed by the Custodian of Evacuees Property appointed for this purpose The Government of Bombay have instructed the collectors of Kolaba and Godhra districts, to intimate to evacuees from here, that they must come back and take charge of the properties they left behind.

Resuming his unfinished speech of yesterday Mr. A. A. Khan, Leader of the opposition said that he and his party were one with the Government in so far as the Bill prohibited only "unjust and illegal ex-communication". But he was against the intention of the Government in trying to prevent ex-communication altogether. Where beliefs—enlightened or otherwise—were concerned, the sane course was the exercise of restraint. To belong to any sect or community implied confirming to its code of conduct. When such restrictions were found irksome, one could always walk out, instead of waiting for ex-communication.

STATE, ALL-POWERFUL

Mr. S. L. Karandikar said that whatever justification there was, in the old days for ex-communication, was now absent, as the State had become all-powerful The punitive authority could only be exercised by the State, and not by any religious head.

MORARJI'S REPLY

Mr. Morarji Desai, Home Minister, in his reply to the debate said that some of the powers enjoyed by religious heads were "monstrous". He cited the instance of a woman whose dead body was exhumed from the "Kabrastan" by orders of the Mullaji Saheb and thrown out of the cemetery. But ex-communication was not peculiar to Bohras only. Other communities also practised it.

Government could not tolerate the existence of a "Government within a government", with monstrous powers which cut at the very root of citizenship rights. It was no argument that because of fear or superstition or illiteracy such oppressive powers were tolerated and that Government must not interfere in the matter. It was the duty of a popular Government, which governed "for the poorest and the humblest" to protect all sections of the population, from such harsh, unjust and tyrannical usages.

For instance, the oath prescribed by the Mullaji Saheb to his followers exceeded the rigour of any Government. The Mullaji Saheb had personally told the Home Minister that he was the "spiritual and temporal" head of his community.

"I do not mind anybody being

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REDDIAR WILL BE BACK TO FARM

MADRAS, April 1 (API): "I came from the farm and I am returning to the farm", Mr. O. P. Ramaswami Reddiar, the out-going Premier, told pressmen at the Secretariat this afternoon indicating his future plan.

"I am a peasant and I love to be among the peasant-folk", he said smilingly

IT IS TIME TO RETIRE

"Tell Your Story To Tories, Winnie"

BOSTON, April 1, (PTI-Reuter): Mr. Winston Churchill's speech here last night heard by millions of Americans over a nation-wide radio hookup, was a talking point throughout the country today.

Newspapers headlined his declaration that only the Atom bomb, in American hands, had saved Europe from being "communised" and London from bombardment.

Thunderous cheers acclaimed Mr. Churchill last night when, grim, humorous and eloquent by turn, he addressed an academic audience of 15,000 at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

The speech made in the brilliantly lit "Boston Garden" was regarded as continuation and vindication of his Fulton speech three years ago against Communism.

The route from Mr. Churchill's hotel to the garden was lined with crowds of cheering people, though there were several pickets carrying banners declaring "it is time to retire" and "tell your story to the Tories winnie."

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R.S.S. Prisoners On Hunger-Strike

PATIALA, April 1 (API): All the 80 RSS prisoners in the Patiala Central Jail went on hunger-strike today in protest against alleged maltreatment.

They demanded they should be allowed to sleep in the open during the coming summer months

"Maharaja-Governors" And State Allowances

NEW DELHI, April 1 (A.P.I.): Sardar Vallabhbhai Pate) Deputy Prime Minister in a written reply to Mr. Kesava Rao, in Parliament today said that Indian Maharapas, when they were appointed as Governors or given other posts were eligible to draw allowances from their States.

Jai Prakash And Wife Seriously Injured In Car Accident

NEW DELHI, April 1 (API): Socialist leader, Jai Prakash Narain, and his wife Prabhavati Devi were involved in a motor accident this morning at a place 16 miles from Daltangang while coming from Jala in Bihar, according to a telegram received by a Socialist leader here.

The telegram said that Mr. Jai Prakash Narain has broken his right arm and Prabhavati Devi has sustained injuries. On receipt of this news in Daltongunj a party led by the Deputy Commissioner of Daltongunj, Mr. Amiya Kumar Ghosh, proceeded to the scene and rendered first aid.

The accident occurred 16 miles from Daltongunj on the Patna-Gomoh southern trunk road.

Mr. Jaiprakash Narain was returning by car from Japla in Palamau district.

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NOTICE.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED for the information of the stable owners in C., D. and E Wards of the City that the Government Milk Colony near Goregaon is now ready for occupation. They should therefore arrange to remove their milch cattle to this Colony forthwith after obtaining the necessary permission of the Milk Commissioner, Bombay. Their Municipal Licences for the ensuing official year 1949-50 will not be renewed and those found continuing their stables at the present sites will be liable to action for contravening the provisions of Section 394(1) (c) (iv) of the City of Bombay Municipal Act after 15th April, 1949.

B. C. DASGUPTA,
Executive Health Officer,
Bombay Municipality.
31st March, 1949.

PUBLIC NOTICES

THE BOMBAY MUTUAL LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY LIMITED, FORT, BOMBAY.

NOTICES HAVING BEEN GIVEN of the loss or destruction of the Policies due to riot, disturbances and other causes, duplicate policies will be issued unless objections are lodged with us within one month from this date:—

Policy No.	Name of Assured.	Place.
14970	Dinkar Laxman Thakur.	Bombay.
47800	Mohanlal Premchand.	Balsar.
51175	Mohanlal Ranchhoddas Parikh.	Godhara.
85383 139341	Amratlal Purshottamdas Shah.	Mahikantha Agency.
97744	Murtujakhan Manowarkhan Pathan.	Jholod.
101608	Kantilal Shamaldas Doshi.	Vijalpur
146721	Saiyied Zamirul Hasan Razvi.	Mirpur (Cantt.)
178607	Balwant Singh Gian Singh Khalsa.	Shikarpur (Sind)
195725	Dhanomal Topandas Murpana.	Shikarpur (Sind)
208212	Nivrti Tukaram Landge.	Latur, Nizam State.

Date 2nd April, '49. T. C. KAPUR Manager (3915)

THE SHOLAPOOR SPG. & WVG. CO., LTD.

READY STOCK of Soft and Hard-waste is to be sold. Tenders can be had till 12-4-49 from the Office of the Company, situated at 346 Hornby Road, Fort, Bombay. 3909

NOTIFICATION

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for 200 posts of Sub-Inspectors of Police in Hyderabad State on the scale of pay of Rs. 95-4-1-155 in O.S. currency plus Dearness Allowance current in Hyderabad State (Rs. 7|- of O.S. currency are equivalent to Rs. 6|- of Indian Government currency). The candidates must possess the following qualifications— (1) Educational—Intermediate passed or any equivalent Examination, (2) Minimum height—5' 6". (3) Mean Chest measurement—32", and (4) Candidates must be between 20 and 26 years of age on April 1, 1949. Maximum age limit in the case of Law Graduates will be 28 years.

All qualifications being equal, preference will be given to candidates of Hyderabad Domicile (Mulkies).

Arrangements for the training of candidates will be made in Hyderabad. Lodging in the Police Training College hostel is compulsory. All selected candidates will be required to pay O.S. Rs. 700|-(I.G. Rs. 600|-) in cash towards messing, uniform and other charges. This amount must be deposited by the selected candidates within a week of their selection, failing which they will not be allowed to join the Training College. Candidates will have to appear before a Medical Board for which they will have to pay the usual examination fee before they are called up for the final interview. No travelling allowance will be paid for attendance either before the Medical Board or the Final Selection Board.

Applications must be sent in the prescribed form which can be obtained from the following officers:— (1) Office of the Inspector-General of Police, Hyderabad-Dn., (2) Offices of the Inspectors-General of Police of all the Provinces and States, (3) Office of the Commissioner, City Police, Hyderabad-Dn. and (4) Office of the District Superintendents of Police of Hyderabad State.

Attested copies of the following must be attached with the application:— (1) Certificate of having passed the Intermediate or equivalent Examination, (2) Certificate of Matriculation or High School Examination in support of the date of birth, (3) Certificates of general conduct and respectability by two respectable persons who are not relations of the candidate, (4) Certificate from the District Superintendent of Police of the district of residence to the effect that he has not taken part in any subversive or anti-Union Government activities, and (5) Domicile certificate from the District Magistrate of the district of residence in the case of candidates of Indian Union Provinces and States and from Civil Administrators in the case of candidates residing in Hyderabad State.

Applications should reach the officers mentioned below by 12-00 hours on April 20, 1949. On top of the outer cover "Application for the post of Sub-Inspector" should be clearly written. Application form must be filled in English in the candidates own hand-writing—(1) Commissioner of City Police:—for candidates residing in Hyderabad City and Secunderabad, (2) District Superintendents of Police of the concerned district in the case of residents of Hyderabad State excluding Hyderabad City and Secunderabad, (3) Deputy Inspector-General of Police, Western Range, Aurangabad, for candidates residing in Central Provinces and Bombay, (4) Deputy Inspector-General of Police, Eastern Range, Hyderabad, for candidates residing in Madras and (5) Assistant Inspector-General of Police (I), Residency Buildings, Hyderabad-Dn., for other Indian Union Provinces and States.

Candidates must bring original certificates along with them at the time of interview, dates of which will be intimated to them in due course.

B. B. S. JETLY,
M.A., LLB., I.P.
Inspector-General of Police,
Hyderabad State.
Hyderabad-Deccan,
March 26, 1949. 3316

BOMBAY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL NOTICES OF MOTIONS will be placed before the Ordinary Monthly Meeting of the Corporation called for Monday, the 4th April 1949, at 3 P.M. (Bombay Time):—

92-93. Frrom Mr. A. N. Najmi—For requesting the B.E.S. & T. Committee for (92) constructing a shelter at the Bus Stop at the Crawford Market Stand for passengers waiting for "A" and 'H' Route Buses proceeding towards museum; and (93) restoring the Bus Stop at the Zakaria Masjid for "A-LTD" Route Buses.

94. From Mr. Khwaja Gulam Jilani—For taking steps to get the premises No. 85, Undria Street, New Nagpada vacated etc.

95-96. From Mr. N. Y. Bandukvala—For representing to the B.E.S. & T. Committee to construct tram-sheds at the junctions at (1) J. J. Hospital; and (2) Bhendi Bazar junction.

97. From Mr. D. M. Shinde—For Voting a Civic Address to the Hon'ble Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, Minister of Law—Dominion of India.

98. From Miss P. N. Nariman, seconded by Dr. B. R. Nayen and supported by another—For representing to Government to start a Public Hospital Fund, etc.

99. From Mr. S. M. Thakre—For representing to Government to take steps to reduce the increased fares of Steam Ships plying on the southern coast, etc.

100-101. From Mr. D. M. Shinde For (100) taking steps to remove the mosquito, etc., nuisance caused by the accumulation of water in Kala Killa area at Dharavi and (101) providing a full-fledged Municipal Market at Sion.

102. From Dr. B. P. Divgi—For establishing a Labour-Welfare Centre for the benefit of the Municipal Labour staff at Valphakady, etc.

103. From Mr. K. M. Chougule—For carrying out repairs to Municipal sanitary conveniences at Dharavi—Koliwada, etc.

Municipal Corporation Office,
Bombay, 1st April 1949.
By Order of
His Worship the Mayor,
B. V. MODY.
Municipal Secretary. 3923

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF INDUSTRIES AND SUPPLIES OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF SUPPLIES

Graham Road, Ballard Estate
BOMBAY.

TENDER NOTICE

THE DIRECTOR OF SUPPLIES, Bombay, invites Tender No. BOM/M/1718 to reach him on or before 11 a.m. on 18-4-'49 on forms (not transferable) obtainable from his office at Rs. 6/- (not refundable) per set to be paid in cash or by Money Order or Indian Postal Order (quoting Tender No. full name and address of the remitter) for:—

Brushes Carriage Washing, Brushes Superfine Crimped Brushes medium, Brushes Foundry Steel, Brushes Hand Sweeping, Brushes Plain Steel Wire circular for use on pneumatic tools. Brushes Painters ground round pure lily bristles and hair cement set, Brushes scrubbing hand, Brushes spoke carriage washing, Brushes Tar, Brushes Painters tool sash white or black bristles sizes 6-8 and 10, Brushes varnish various sizes, Brushes white wash flat, Mops washing without handles, Brushes wire welders, Brushes crimped brass wire circular 5 rows, etc.

Applicants not already on the approved list of the Ministry of Industry and Supply as contractors must give their Banker's reference on application for Tender forms. Tender forms will not be supplied to firms already blacklisted. (3924)

SILVERTOWN LUBRICANTS (INDIA) LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Messrs. F. W. Heilgers & Co. Ltd., have ceased to be the Managing Agents of this Company with effect from the 31st March 1949.

The Company will in future function without the intervention of Managing Agents and its business will be managed by the General Manager for India who will be responsible directly to the Board of Directors.

C. E. ROBERTSON
Director. (3919)

PUBLIC NOTICES

THE MILLOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, BOMBAY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS OF THE MILLOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, BOMBAY, will be held in the rooms of the Association (Second Floor, Elphinstone Building, Churchgate Street, Fort) at 11-15 a.m. (S.T.) on Wednesday, the 13th April, 1949, to transact the following business:—

(1) To receive and adopt the Committee's Report for the year 1948;
(2) To appoint Auditors of the Association's Accounts for the current year and to fix their remuneration.

And any other business that may be brought forward.

By Order of the Committee,
N. S. V. AIYER,
Secretary.
Bombay, 2nd April, 1949. 3912

CENTRAL PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

SEALED TENDERS ARE INVITED from Registered C. P. W. D. Electrical Contractors for the work of "Electrification of Two Callendar Hamilton Hangars at Santa Cruz Airport, Bombay." The wiring is proposed in conduit system. Tenders will be received up to 3 p.m. on the 21st April, 1949. The approximate cost of the work is Rs. 23,300/-.

Copies of Tender document can be had from the undersigned during working days between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. from Monday, the 11th April, 1949 on payment of Rupees Five and annas four only (Rs. 5-4-0) which will not be refunded and on furnishing proof that the firm is in the approved list of C. P. W. D. Contractors.

(Sd.) A. J. RAJU,
Electrical Engineer,
Aviation Electrical Division,
Central P.W.D., Bombay.

R.A.F. Barracks,
Nehru Road,
Vile Parle P.O.,
Bombay 24. 3917

BOMBAY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED BEFORE 9-5-1949 from persons domiciled in Bombay Province and non-Muslim refugees from Pakistan for the post of ASSISTANT STATISTICIAN IN THE CIVIL SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT. PAY:—Rs. 300-600. Higher pay admissible in a deserving case. QUALIFICATIONS: (a) Second class degree with Statistics as special subject of a recognised University OR second class degree in Mathematics, Economics or Agriculture of recognised University with knowledge of Statistical methods, (b) training in Statistical methods and (c) four years' administrative experience. AGE: Not less than 25 and not more than 40 years on 1-7-1949. Upper age limit not applicable to Bombay Government servants. Application form supplied on receipt of a large addressed envelope with 3 1/2 annas postage stamps and a CROSSED Indian Postal Order for Re. 1/- payable to "Secretary, Bombay Public Service Commission, Bombay," who will also supply full details on request. 3911

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PUBLIC NOTICE

SEALED TENDERS ARE INVITED till 15-4-49 to let on 3 years Lease rent farming Contract of 5 properties bearing Nos. (1) 21-33 Khetwadi Back Road, (2) 57-63 Duncan Road, (3) 51-53 Duncan Road, (4) 62-68 Undaria Street & (5) 50-60 Huzaria Street, from 1st May, 1949. For further particulars and Tender forms at Rs. 2/- each, see The Secretary, Cummoo Yacoob Charitable Trust, 160, Kambekar Street, Bombay 3. 497

NOTICE

PUBLIC ARE INFORMED that the notice which appeared in the Press on or about 21st January, 1949, relating to the restrictions on the issue of road permits to diesel trucks registered after 31-3-1949, is hereby cancelled.

SECRETARY, R.T.A. Bombay. 3908

BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY

THE B.E.S. & T. UNDERTAKING

SEALED TENDER for the disposal of Scrap Copper will be received by the Chief Storekeeper up to noon on 11th April, 1949.

Tender forms can be obtained from the Chief Storekeeper, Electric House, Fort, Bombay 1, on personal application but will not be forwarded by post. 3910

B.B. & C.I. RAILWAY—TENDER

CONTROLLER OF STORES, B.B. & C.I. Rly., Jacob Circle, Bombay 11 invites tenders for the supply of TWO large Drum clock mechanical size 3'-6" suitable for Railway Stations returnable to him on 12.4.1949.

Tender copies can be had free on application.

Tenderers who are not on the approved list of this Railway should give their Banker's Reference. (3920)

PUBLIC NOTICES

BOMBAY WATERPROOF AND DRESSING CO. LTD.

(In voluntary liquidation),
Raja Bahadur Motilal Mansion,
28 Apollo Street, Fort,
Bombay No. 1.

In the Matter of Indian Companies Act 7 of 1913 and

In the Matter of the Bombay Waterproof & Dressing Co. Ltd.
'In Voluntary Liquidation'

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in pursuance of Section 208-E of the Indian Companies Act 1913 that the General Meeting of the members of the above-named company will be held at 28 Apollo Street, Fort, Bombay on the ninth day of May 1949 at 4 p.m. in the afternoon for the purpose of having an account laid before them, showing the manner in which the winding up has been conducted and the property of the company disposed of and of hearing an explanation that may be given by the Liquidator and also of determining by extraordinary resolution the manner in which the books, accounts and documents of the company and of the Liquidator thereof shall be disposed of.

N. M. RAIJI
LIQUIDATOR.
Dated, 2nd April 1949.

(For Further Notices See Page 3.)

AUCTION SALES

AUCTION SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY AT CAVEL CROSS LANE NO. 6, KALBADEVI ROAD.

M|s. GANDHI & CO. will under instructions from M|s. NANDLAL & CO., Attorneys for M|s. CHIMANLAL HARJIVANDAS VAJANI & ORS. the mortgagees and on a|c and at risk of Bai Shahajadi Devi Shyamshanker Jaymangal Upadhyay, in pursuance of power of sale contained in Indenture of Mortgage of 13-1-47, sell by Public auction on Saturday 9-4-49 at 4-30 p m. (S.T.) the undermentioned immovable property on premises.

All that piece of perpetual Fazandari land with dwelling house at Cavel Cross Lane No. 6 Dr. Viegas Street, admeasuring 97 2|2 Sq. Yds. or thereabouts bearing New Survey No. 132, C. S. No. 777 of Bhuleshwar Division, C Ward No. 3885 Street No. 159 (3) Dr. Viegas Street.

For particulars apply to M|s. NANDLAL & CO., Solicitors, or to us.

UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO INVESTORS

AUCTION SALE OF VERY VALUABLE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY KNOWN AS "YOSHAN" AT SHIVAJI PARK, DADAR.

M|s. GANDHI & CO., will under instructions from M|s. JANI & MERCHANT, Attorneys for Mr. Karasondas Ranchhoddas the mortgagee an on account and at risk of Samuel Rahemin Essak and Ors. the mortgagors, pursuant to power of sale in Indenture of Mortgage of 15-4-47 but subject to terms and covenants made in Lease dated 2-7-37, sell by Public Auction on THURSDAY, 14-4-49 at 4 P.M. (S.T.) the undermentioned property on premises.

All that piece of leasehold land with building at Cadell Road, Mahim, being Plot No. 82 of Shivaji Park Scheme admeasuring 445 Sq. Yds. or thereabouts bearing C.S. No. 1792 of Mahim Division, G. Ward No. 4659, Street No. 275 Keluskar Road, and bounded on the North by 40 ft. Road, on South by Plot No. 83, on the East by Cadell Road, on the West by Plot No. 84.

For particulars apply to M|s. JANI & MERCHANT Solicitors, or to us.

AUCTION SALE OF PRINTING MACHINERY & OFFICE FURNITURE ETC.

M|s. GANDHI & CO., will under instructions from M|s. AMARCHAND & MANGALDAS Attorneys for Harji Lavji Damani alias Shayda the Hypothecatee and on account and at risk of the Crescents News Publications Ltd., the Hypothecator sell by Public Auction on WEDNESDAY, 6-4-49 at 3-30 P.M. (S.T.) at 12-14 Bakehouse Lane, near Janmabhumi, Fort.

All printing machinery including cylinder machines, tradles, Elec. Motors, stitching machines, cutting machines full size, perforating machine shafting Pulleys, large lot of types with racks, proof machine, cycle, lead cutting machine etc. also office furniture such as tables, chairs, etc.

Machinery on view from 3 to 6 P.M. on working days.

Terms: 25% cash deposit.

GANDHI & CO.

BONAFIDE SALE

AUCTION SALE TO-MORROW (SUNDAY), at 10-30 a.m. Property of M. Fraser, Esqr., and others at Seth Babulal Mansion, Chowpatty Sea Face of complete household and office furniture, 72" Eng. Godrej and Austrian Safe, steel almirah, typewriter, foot Sewing machine, Eng. large ice box, partition, dining, writing and dressing table, chairs, show case, Chesterfield, sofa cabinet, almirah, bed Prism-binocular, elec. fan, gramophone, etc., (S. Tax). T. 40215 EASTERN AUCTION CO.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE

PUBLIC IS HEREBY INFORMED that we, Messrs. Broker & Co., have agreed to purchase from Messrs. V. Stores, represented by their partner Mr. Parvatishanker Mugatram Bhatt, their shop at Daya Mansion, Lady Jamshedji Road, Mahim, Bombay, whosoever has any right, title, claim or interest in any nature in the said shop may inform us within 14 days from the date hereof about the same whereafter the same shall not be entertained and shall be rejected as invalid.

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11-13, Mint Road,
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Bombay 1-4-49. (515)

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RE: SALE OF VALUABLE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

OFFERS ARE INVITED by the undersigned on behalf of their client for the purchase of the valuable immovable property situate at Gokhale Society Lane known as Taibai Nivas admeasuring 796 Square Yards bearing C.S. No. 20/74 of Parel Sewri Division near Parel Tram Terminus bearing Street Nos. 2 and 2-C, monthly rent about Rs. 655/-.

Messrs. MAHIMTURA & CO.,
Attorneys-at-Law.
66, Tamarind Lane, Fort,
Bombay.

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LITERACY WEEK COLLECTIONS

Adult Education Committee's Appeal

The Special Literacy Officer, Bombay City Adult Education Committee writes:

The 8th Literacy Week was celebrated by the Bombay City Adult Education Committee from 29th Nov. to 5th December, 1948. It helped the Committee not only to bring to the forefront the urgent problem of Adult Education but also enabled it to collect nearly Rs. 57,000 by means of donations box and coupon collections by the city schools. Over 140 schools and colleges in the city helped to collect this amount which is the highest amount collected during the last ten years Rs. 44,000 were collected by the schools while Rs. 13,000 were received directly in the Committee's office.

Among the schools, Hansraj Morarji Public School, Andheri, stands first with its collection of Rs. 4,030 and therefore gets the Dewan Bahadur G. S. Rao Shield. The G. T. High School comes next with Rs. 2,662 followed closely by Babu Pannalal and the Aryan Education Society's High Schools with collections of Rs. 2,282 and Rs. 2,083 respectively.

The Literacy Week Committee thanks the authorities of the schools and colleges and their students and the numerous donors for making the Week quite successful. In spite of this decent collection the Committee is still greatly handicapped by lack of funds and hence all further donations will be thankfully received by the Secretary Bombay City Adult Education Committee Bhatia Mitra Mandal Bhuvan Opp. General Post Office, Bombay.

Egyptian Press Delegation Leaves India

The Egyptian Press Delegation which has been touring India for the past three weeks left for Cairo last night on Air-India International's "Constellation" service.

The delegation which visited Delhi, Aligarh, Agra, Jamshedpur, Calcutta, Madas, Hyderabad, Wardha and Srinagar, had spent two days in Bombay visiting places of educational and cultural interest, and meeting local journalists.

On board the same plane were Dr. (Mrs.) M. A. Kagal, Dr. A. M. Lorenzo, Mr. A. C. Sen, Miss A. J. Kulkarni, Mrs. N. A. Kelkar and Mr I. S. Kansal, all of whom are members of a U.N.O. delegation on its way to America.

Among the other passengers were also Mr. Dhirubhai Desai, the Indian Ambassador to Switzerland and Mr. C. S. Jha the Chief of Protocol Government of India.

MORARJI DESAI'S VISIT TO JAMKHANDI

Hon. Mr. Morarji going round the Agricultural Exhibition held at Jamkhandi on 30th March.

Kolaba District Rural Development Board

The Special Officer for the grant of lands to Katkaris for Kolaba district has been nominated as a member of the District Rural Development Board, Kolaba.

In view of the creation of a separate Public Works Department Division for Kolaba, the Government has nominated the Executive Engineer, Kolaba Division, in place of the Executive Engineer, South Thana Division on the Board.

The headquarters of the Assistant Registrar of Co-operative Societies, who is a member of the Board, are now at Pen instead of Mahad.

District Rural Development Boards

The Government of Bombay has extended the period of the existing District Rural Development Boards pending further orders.

Kolhapur Forest Area Included In Central Circle

The Kolhapur State Forest area has been included in the Central Circle for Forests, with effect from March 1, 1949. From the same date, the Belgaum Division was transferred from the Central Circle to the Southern Circle.

CONGRESS CONCERN OVER LABOUR

Mhaskar Appeals For Workers' Support

Addressing a largely attended meeting of workers at the DeLisle Road, Dr. K. S. Mhaskar said that Congress was the only institution that would look after the interests of the labour community in a healthy way. He first explained to them the various schemes undertaken by the Congress with a view to bettering the lot of the masses and appealed to the workers to support Congress in all its programmes.

The workers assured full support to Dr. Mhaskar who is a Congress Candidate for the Bye-Election to the Legislative Assembly.

Earlier members of the Kshatriya Stree Samaj also assured Dr. Mhaskar all support.

The Bombay Telugu Education Fund

Poor student (old and new, Boys and Girls) of the Telugu Community strictly resident of Bombay Presidency intending to take aid from the above fund shall so apply to the Hon. Secretaries, Adi Parbhaji Hall, Munurwar Wadi, Kamathipura, Bombay 8, on a printed form before 20th April 1949. The forms are obtainable on the above address.

Socialist Candidates For Municipal Elections

BOMBAY, April 1.

The following are the Socialist Candidates from the different Wards for the Parle-Andheri Municipal Election which will take place on Sunday the 3rd April:—

A WARD: 1. Jagjiwandas Wadilal Shah, 2. Ratubhai Nanubhai Desai. B WARD: 1. Sadashiv Anandrao Dhurandhar, 2. Virchand Bhikhabhai Sheth. C WARD: 1. Jitendrakumar Pattani. D WARD: 1. Balubhai Hirji, 2. Kisan Gokuldas Mehta. E WARD: 1. Shantilal Girdharlal Shah, 2. Nanubhai N. Patel (uncontested). F WARD: 1. Pandharinath Medhekar, 2. Pandurang Pathare, 3. Alban Gomes. G WARD: 1. Dr. Amulakh M. Desai, 2. Nazar Rashid Fatghally. H WARD: 1. Prabhakar Talekar, 2. Raman M. Desai, 3. Ramesh Merchant, 4. Abdul Sattar Parekkh (uncontested).

The Party will support the following candidates also.

A WARD: 1. Bhaskar Ganesh Ganu.

B WARD: 1. Purushottam Waghela.

Industrial Disputes For Adjudication

The industrial disputes between the Bidi employers of Nasik and Sinnar and their workers have been referred for adjudication to the Industrial Tribunal of Mr. I. G. Thakore.

Educational Institutions' Employee' Union

The Educational Institutions Employees' Union, Bombay, has obtained registration under the Trade Unions Act 1926. The Union has its units in St. Xavier's College and School, St. Mary's High School, Sta. Stanislaus High School, Convent of Jesus and Mary etc. The Union has succeeded in obtaiing the Government Scale of Dearness Allowance for St. Xavier's College and School. Disputes with St. Mary's High School, St. Stanislaus High School, Convent of Jesus and Mary are being conciliated.

HIGH FARES ON COASTAL LINES RESENTED

Socialist Party's Requisition To Mayor

The decision of the Bombay Steam Navigation and Allied Companies to put up passenger fares on all coastal lines by 50 per cent has come like a bolt from the blue to the working class population of Bombay who have to use these lines, more especially during the summer months of the year. There is a deep sense of resentment and dissatisfaction at this too steep a rise in fares which will hit the working class population very hard.

The Socialist Party in view of the strong feeling among the workers and the lower middle-class population of the City and is, sending a requisition to his Worship the Mayor to call a special meeting of the Municipal Corporation, so that this question may be discussed and expression can be given to the feelings of the common man.

Admission To Prince Of Wales Military College

Candidates in Bombay Province desiring admission to the Prince of Wales' Royal Indian Military College, Dehra Dun, should submit their applications to the Collectors of the Districts in which they ordinarily reside so as to reach them by April 15, 1949. Candidates in Bombay City should submit their applications to the Collector of Bombay.

Candidates must have attained 11 years of age and be under 12 years on the date of the commencement of the term, i.e., August 1, 1948. Forms of applications for admission are obtainable from the Secretary to the Government of Bombay, Home Department, Secretariat, Bombay.

STUDY HOMOEOPATHY

(i) Study and practise the harmless system of Homoeopathy and subscribe for "HOMOEOPATHY & COMPARATIVE MEDICINE", the most popular Homoeopathic Monthly in India Homoeopathy is easily learnt and practised unlike Allopathy and Ayurveda. It is the only system suited for SOCIAL MEDICAL EDUCATION

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A copy of the prospectus has been filed with the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies Coorg. Certified copy has been delivered to the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies, Mysore.

(Consent of the Central Government has been obtained to this issue of Capital by an order, of which a complete copy is open to public inspection at the Registered Office of the Company subject to the condition that the capital raised shall not be expended except for purposes connected with the manufacture of Paper and Board and Sandal Oil at Fraserpet in the Province of Coorg, and that so much of the Capital raised as cannot be spent until the time has come to pay for imported machinery or until a later date, shall be invested and kept invested meanwhile in the manner prescribed. It must be distinctly understood that in giving this consent the Government of India do not take any responsibility for the financial soundness of any schemes or for the correctness of any of the statements made or opinion expressed with regard to them.)

(Consent for Issue of 15 lakhs in Mysore State, has also been obtained).

THE CAUVERY PAPER MILLS & FOREST INDUSTRIES, LIMITED.

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AUTHORISED CAPITAL	Rs. 2,50,00,000
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DIVIDED INTO:

20,00,000 Ordinary Shares of Rs. 10 each payable at Rs. 2 on application; Rs. 2 on allotment and the balance in 3 calls of Rs. 2 each with an interval of 2 months between each call: Rs. 2,00,00,000

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Out of the Issued Capital, 4,00,000 Ordinary Shares of the value of Rs. 40,00,000 and 10,000 Preference Shares of the value of Rs. 10,00,000 have been agreed to be taken by the Directors, Promoters and Friends and 1,05,032 Ordinary Shares of the value of Rs. 10,50,320 and 1,357 Preference Shares of the value of Rs. 1,35,700 have been already allotted and a sum of Rs. 4,65,555 is paid up thereon.

The remaining 16 lakhs Ordinary Shares of the value of Rupees One crore and sixty lakhs and 40,000 Preference Shares of the value of Rupees forty lakhs altogether amounting to two crores are now being issued to the public.

The subscription list will open on 6th April 1949, and close at the discretion of the Directors.

MANAGING AGENTS:
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OBJECTS:
The Company is formed generally for the carrying out of the object set out in the Memorandum and in particular to set up a Paper Mill in Coorg and to carry on the business of manufacture and marketing of high grade printing paper, bond, manifold, creamlaid, cartridge, tissue paper, ivory glazed paper, etc., and also boards, duplex, triplex and other varieties of board and also wood pulp, chemical pulp and like products.
and
the business of the distillation of sandalwood oil and marketing the same.

PROSPECTS:
The paper industry has an assured future in Free India. The **per capita** consumption in India has been calculated as one pound, whereas in the U.S.A., Great Britain and even in smaller countries such as Norway and Denmark, the **per capita** consumption is 241, 154, 98 and 96 pounds, respectively. The demand for all varieties of paper is bound to increase with the implementation of the vast programmes of development of industries, commerce and trade and with the spread of education among crores of the Indian people.

The report of the Paper Panel of the Government of India has accepted the principle of regionalisation of paper industry after fully considering the location of the existing paper units and the availability of raw materials etc. It is well known that the variety of bamboo grown in South India is ideally suited for manufacture of paper and, coupled with the availability of power which Coorg will soon have, there is in the Province a splendid nucleus for a big industry to produce paper and board.

Sandal oil is an important commercial product which, besides having a ready market in India is a valuable source of foreign exchange, especially dollars. On account of its therapeutic and cosmetic value, it forms the essential base for many medical and perfumery products. It is of common knowledge that the sandalwood oil industry is a lucrative one yielding good profits. As the Company has already started the necessary constructional works for installing a sandal oil extracting plant and the actual production is expected to commence this year, the Directors are hopeful of declaring dividends early, with the result that the shareholders may not have to wait for a long period to get a return on their investment.

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GOVERNMENT HELP AND CONCESSION

The Company has secured from the Coorg Government the following exclusive advantages which would enable it to work economically and efficiently.

(1) All available bamboo grown in the extensive forests of Coorg will be made available at concession rates to the Company, and it holds the sole monopoly of this important raw material which is grown very extensively in the forest area of the Province.
(2) The Government have also permitted the use of water from the river Cauvery which adjoins the factory.
(3) The Government have further granted a large area of lands at concessional rates for the factory and other buildings.
(4) The Government have agreed to render all assistance in obtaining priorities, privileges, etc., from the Central Government.
(5) The Government have agreed to supply to the Factory the required electrical power when available.
(6) Negotiations are in progress with the Coorg and Central Governments for the Coorg Government to have greater interest in the Company by accepting the fully paid-up shares offered by the Company to the tune of two and a half lakhs and to nominate a Government Director.

LOCATION

The factory site is ideally situated on the bank of the river Cauvery in the midst of extensive forests where raw materials for this industry, water, labour etc. are available in plenty and also transport facilities.

SPECIAL ADVANTAGES.

The proposed factory will be the biggest and the most centrally located factory in the whole of South India, situated, as it will be, in a specially advantageous place, Coorg, which is yet an undeveloped Province industrially, though abounding in natural resources, is ideally suited for industrial development, and is bound to receive favoured consideration from the Central Government in any of its industrial plans

FINANCIAL ESTIMATES.

A Mill cost-sheet and estimate of the financial gains of the scheme have been got prepared by experts possessing both technical qualifications and long practical experience. These have been further examined by Mr. A. G. Stewart, Technical Superintendent, of Messrs. Bertrams Limited, the famous paper machinery manufacturers in Edinburgh, who has expressed his unqualified satisfaction that the scheme is sound, workable, and profitable. Computations have been made providing for the utmost maximum limit in respect of costs and expenses taking at the same time the lowest and the most conservative figures for the incomings. According to the calculations, a net profit of about Rupees three hundred per ton of paper is expected and, in case of boards, the margin of profit is expected to be even more. Since, in deciding this figure of profit, the guaranteed dividend on the **Preference Shares** of the Company has also been taken into account, the Ordinary Shareholders may safely expect the maximum dividend permitted by law after providing for adequate reserves even in the most adverse circumstances. For the past many years the industry has been paying handsome dividents. It is hoped that our present National Government will continue to encourage such an essential industry as the paper industry.

PLANT AND MACHINERY

Messrs. Bertrams Limited, of Edinburgh, the well-known Engineers who have supplied machinery to several mills all over the world and in particular to the long standing and largest mills in India like Titaghur and Bengal Paper Mills, have given specifications for a complete combined machinery to produce 12,000 tons of paper and board annually. They are prepared to execute our orders when confirmed.

SANDAL OIL

It is also arranged to take up as the Company's immediate programme the business of sandal oil distillation, as described above. Plant and personnel for this are ready and it is well-known that Coorg forests abound in sandalwood. Annually large quantities of sandalwood are disposed of at the Government Depot in Fraserpet. The additional quantity of wood that may be required can be purchased at the Government auction in surrounding places. The sandal oil extracted from the wood grown on the Western Ghats is well-known for its purity and aroma, throughout the world and this oil which is used as the base for all perfumery and several medicines, has got a perennial and growing market throughout the world.

RIGHTS AS TO CAPITAL AND DIVIDEND OF PREFERENCE SHAREHOLDERS

The Capital of the Company shall consist of Rupees two and a half crores divided into 50,000 six per cent tax-free cumulative preferece shares of the value of Rs. 100 each and 20,00,000 ordinary shares of Rs. 10 each. The share capital may be increased in accordance with the regulations of the Company and the provisions for the time being in force in this behalf. The above said preference shares shall carry the right to a fixed cumulative preferential dividend of six per cent per annum (ranking in priority to any dividend on the ordinary shares) free of income-tax and the right in winding up of the Company to preferential repayment of the paid-up capital and all arrears of dividends, if any, whether declared or not, but not to any further participation in the assets or profits of the Company.

APPLICATION FOR SHARES.

Application for shares are invited on the basis of the Prospectus, copies of which can be obtained from the Company's Offices, Bankers and Brokers.

Dated 29th March 1949.

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FILMS TO SEE THIS WEEK

"NAI BAAT"

At Minerva And Lido

The outstanding feature of this new picture at Minerva is the theme of Hindu-Muslim unity. An unfortunate family is scattered, the father wrongfully jailed, the little daughter adopted by a kind-hearted man and the young son taken under the protection of a well-to-do woman. The children grow while the father languishes in jail under an unjust sentence. The grown girl feels strangely drawn to the grown boy; it is not love but the attraction of consanguinity, which neither know, nor can either explain to her or his jealous lover. The unravelling of the mystery is effected with skill.

Rehana figures in the main role, supported by Amar, Sadiq and Mukesh.

"USHA HARAN"

At Super

Prakash Pictures "USHA HARAN" has now entered into 5th week run at the Super.

"USHA HARAN" is a sweet tale of love eternal. It gains great relief by the intrigues that are created by this love—quite innocently. The intrigues owe their birth to the ideas of Usha's father—who thinks that his daughter should marry a man suitable to his position.

Bharat Chitra Mandir

A new modern cinema, 'Bharat Chitra Mandir', was opened yesterday at Kurla with Atre Picture "MORUCHI MAUSHI". The opening was performed by Mr Tapase Minister, Bombay Government. The proprietors of the cinema, Messrs. Vasantrao Sule, and Kagalwala donated all the collections of the opening to the Gandhi Memorial Fund.

An interesting and impressive aspect of the function was, that the scissors with whichMr. Tapase cut the ribbon declaring the house open, was auctioned, and was bought for Rs. 501 by the Contractor of the cinema, which amount was added to the collections for the Gandhi Donation.

'Bharat Chitra Mandir', is self-contained with its own generating set, not depending on the town supply of electricity, and has all modern amenities like any first-run house in the city. This cinema will show only first class Indian pictures, and will cater to the taste of the local population.

PRITHVIRAJ RETURNS

After his return from the tour last month Prithviraj has resumed staging his popular plays viz-SHAKUNTALA, DEVAR, PATHAN and GHADDAR at Opera House on week-end mornings. His Sunday show, at 8-30 a.m. in the morning have been well attended.

While the shows are going on according to the weekly routine, Prithviraj is busy rehearsing his new play AHOOTI which, in keeping with Prithvi's tradition, deals with a topical theme of national significance. The play will be ready for staging within the next two or three months.

"DAWLAT"

Sohrab Modi's pictures 'Pukar', 'Sikandar' and 'Parakh' have been acclaimed as land-marks in the Indian film history.

Sohrab Modi has now turned to the production of comedies. For his first comedy film he has selected a humorous story by Acharya Atre. A cast including Madhubala, Mahipal, Eruch Tarapore, Seeta Bose, Leela Mishra and Janaki Dass, adds to the appeal of "DAWLA" now showing at five different theatres in town.

"Mahal"

With their latest hit "ZIDDI" at Roxy the final touches are being given to the Bombay Talkies' next picture "MAHAL", nearing completion.

Written and directed by Kamal Amrohi the story depicts a theme so far untouched, against an unusual and mystifying background. Ashok Kumar, Madhubala, Vijaylaxmi and Kanu Roy, together with the veteran character-actor Kumar, are the main players. Khemchand Prakash has given music, the songs are written by Naksnak. Lachu Maharaj, the well-known dance director has composed dance numbers.

"Sawan Aya Re"

Hindustan Chitra's second presentation, "SAWAN AYA RE" written, produced and directed by Kishore Sahu, has been passed by the censors last week. This picture, according to the reactions of the trade-circles, is classed as the cleanhest social picture to be made and approved strictly under the new Censor Code.

"SAWAN AYA RE" is a social satire.

Ramola, plays the star lead opposite Kishore Sahu. In the chief supporting cast are David, Sofia, Mohana, Gulab Ramesh Gupta and Pratima Devi.

Arrangements are afoot for the immediate release of this picture at Delhi, Calcutta and Bombay through the respective distributors.

"Bansaria"

Nigaristan Films' maiden creation "BANSARIA" is nearing completion at the Mohan Studios.

Written and produced by Mukraj Bhakari "BANSARIA" stars Geeta Bali, Randhir and Om Prakash.

The picture is directed by Ramnarain Dave. The musical score is given by Husanlal and Bhagatram. The picture will be ready for release by the end of this month.

Dev Anand in Bombay Talkies Ziddi at Roxy

"ZIDDI"

At Roxy

Bombay Talkies' latest production "ZIDDI", enters the third week of its run at the Roxy Cinema.

Kamini Kaushal, who plays the heroine, does justice to her role as the simple village maid, whose heart is but broken to find her hero (played by Dev Anand) united in wedlock with a charming girl hailing from an aristocratic family. The story writer, Ismat Chugtai, has cleverly handled the theme and this film is a satire on the dienaru who stick to age-old traditions and superstitious.

Shahid Lateef, who directed the picture, has taken care to see that the conflict between the old and new order is maintained on the higher plane throughout the story. Nawab, who acts as an old sympathetic uncle, has given a star performance. His very appearance in the film, with his wit and cynicism makes the atmosphere lively.

"VEVISHAL"

For the first time a novel written by Gujrat's most popular author, Zaverchand Meghani, has been brought to the screen in Kirti Pictures 'VEVISHAL' in Gujarati which is now almost ready for release.

Directed by Chatturbhuj Doshi, the popular characters are depicted on the screen by Usha Kumari, Motibai, Mumtaz Mayadevi and Bhagwandas. Lyrics are composed by Prafulla Desai.

Select Films, which controls the distribution rights of this film is making arrangements for its release in Bombay and Ahmedabad.

"ANDAZ"

At Liberty

In "ANDAZ", Mehboob has taken a sophisticated situation. His heroine believes herself to be nonchalant and sentiment-proof, but she counts without the feelings of the man she is playing with. She thinks she is carrying on an innocent deception, but to him it is a matter of life and death. It is not long before the situation gets out of the heroine's hand and creates a storm around her.

With breath-taking power, Mehboob shows us the career of the girl as she sails through situations that a less sophisticated girl might have pondered over. Unmistakably she progresses towards disaster. Nargis plays that part in the greatest role of her career and as her cavaliers, Dilip Kumar and Raj Kapoor give a good account of themselves. Cuckoo and V. H. Desai provide relief to the tense drama by their respective dances and antics and Naushad again provides the melodies.

"MEETH BHAKAR"

At Swastik

Prabhakar Pictures "MEETH-BHAKAR", produced and directed by Bhai G. Pendharkar running in 3rd week at Swastik Cinema, portrays the joint family system against a village background. Bhaiji has also worked out between village life and city life. Village life which involves work in the open fields and pastures and the freedom of movement and expression which accompanies it, is shown to advantage by contracting it with the restrictions on freedom and sophistications of cities.

Vithal, Chandrakant, Sulochana, Anjini and Zunzarrao Pawar have put in good work. Prabhakar and Baby Saroj enliven the story with their childish pranks and crisp dialogue. Dialogues in Marathi have been Bhaiji's forte but in "MEET BHAKAR" he has given, besides, a well-developed story.

"Shahkar"

Starring the popular artiste Shobhana Samarth in a role that fits her well, United Films' "SHAHKAR" will have its 'premiere', at a leading first-run houses. Along Shobhana Samarth the picture presents veterans like Shah Nawaz, Najma, Agha and others in other important roles.

Directed by S. Khalil, the picture SHAHKAR brings to the screen, for the first time on the Indian screen, the story of a film director. The film will be released through Super Art Service Ltd.

Shah Nawaz and Shobhana Samarth in Shabkar

WHAT'S WHERE in Bombay

CAPITOL, BROADWAY (Dadar), TAJ (Play House), & KASTURBA (Malad):
"GAJRE" starring Suraiya, Motilal, Geeta Nizami, Sankatha Prasad, Murad, N. Kabir, Laddban and Gudnar.

SWASTIK:
"MEETH BHAKAR" starring Vithal Chandrakant, Sulochana, Powar, Anjani, Jaishankar, Bakre and Saroj.

LIBERTY:
"ANDAZ" starring Nargis, Dilip Kumar, Cuckoo, V. H. Desai and Raj Kapur.

EXCELSIOR, CENTRAL, NEW ROSHAN, KISMET, NEPTUNE (Bandra):
"DAWLAT" starring Madhubala, Mahipal, Eruch Tarapore, Seeta Bose and Janaki Dass.

KAMAL:
"BAZAR" starring Nigar, Shyam, Gope and Yakub.

NOVELTY:
"ACTRESS" starring Rehana, Prem Adib, Meena, David and Misra.

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE, JAI HIND, RIVOLI AND BANDRA-TALKIES (Bandra):
"CHANDRALEKHA" starring T. R. Rajkumari, M. K. Radha, Ranjan, Sundari Bai, Yashodra Katju.

MAJESTIC:
"SAKHARPUDA" starring Sumatee Gupte, Damuanna Malvankar and Baburao Pendharkar.

SUPER:
"USHA-HARAN" starring Ratnamala, Arun, Jeevan, Yashodhara Katju, Indu and Ulhas.

CITY LIGHT (Matunga B. B.):
"PYAR-ki-JEET" starring Suriya, Manorama and Gope.

KOHINOOR:
"DIN RAAT" starring Snehprabha, Paresh Bannerji, and Sulochana Chatterji.

ROXY:
"ZIDDI" starring Kamini Kaushal, Dev Anand, Veera, Kuldip, Pratimadevi, Indu, Pran, Monsin and Nawab.

IMPERIAL:
"GHAR-KI-IZZAT" starring Mumtaz Shanti, Dilip Kumar, Manorama, Gope and Dixit.

MINERVA AND LIDO CINEMA:
"NAIBAAT" starring Rehana, Amar, Sadiq and Mukesh.

NEW WEST END:
"APNA DESH" starring Pushpa Hans, Umesh Sharma, Manmohan, K. Date and Sudha Apte.

LAMINGTON:
"GRIHASTI" starring Yakub, Lalita Pawar, Sulochana Chatterjee, Sharda, Kuldip, Masud and Mirza Mushraff.

CHITRA:
"ANJANGARH" starring Sunanda, Ajoykumar, Roma Nehru, Bipin Gupta, and Hiralal.

HIND MATA (Parel):
"MELA" starring Nargis and Dilip Kumar.

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B.E.S.T.'S SURPRISING WIN OVER KIRKEE UNITED

Holders Eliminated From Aga Khan Hockey

BOMBAY, Friday.

What is likely to prove to be the greatest surprise of the present Aga Khan Hockey Tournament was provided this evening when the B.E.S.T. accounted for the holders of the Trophy, the Kirkee United in the very first round by the only goal of the match, scored by inside-left Kuttappa when play was barely ten minutes old.

The holders of this Aga Khan Trophy, playing their first match in the tournament took some time to settle down. The movement of their forward line was neither neat nor confident during the opening stages of the match. In this vital period the local B.E.S.T. side placed their opponents in arrears from which they were never able to recover in spite of concerted pressure during the second half, and particularly during the latter stages of that period.

In fairness to the winners it must be maintained that though perhaps not the better side on the run of play and display of skill, they certainly persevered to the very end against opponents whose reputation might have taken the fight out of some other sides.

Apart from the match-winning goal which they were fortunate to score during the early stages of the match, they maintained considerable pressure during the opening session and might have scored at least once more if not twice.

Fonseca Bellappa and Kuttappa, the inner forwards of the local side received excellent support from the flankmen and particularly from their left flank Menezes. The hard-hitting tactics of their forwards helped to unsettle a defence which was never quite sure of its moves. Aging Nimal in the pivotal position was no longer a great spoiler and the burden of the defence fell on the two backs, both of whom had a very pressing time during the match. But for some very smart saves by Shinde their custodian, the Poona side might well have been placed further in arrears.

If the Kirkee United owed the absence of another goal to their custodian, to his opposite number in the BEST went the credit of saving the match for his side. The number of saves that he made during the latter period of the game as the visitors mounted their pressure and kept up a ceaseless battery of smart and mostly fast shots at the goal from all angles in a desperate attempt to level the scores, wound have done credit to most seasoned custodians.

The defeated side showed the enormous powers of perseverance which earned them the highest honour in Indian hockey last season. The Nimal brothers together with Kshatri did most of the things apart from scoring which a forward can do. They dribbled their way through the defence and took shots at all angles from the goal. Their passing, though not very accurate was often effective, and had they spread out the game to the wingers they might perhaps have bye-passed the congestion in the goal which had a final say in the result of the match.

THE TEAMS:

B. E. S. T.:—R. Asude, L. Pinto and L. Fonseca; K. M. Bidappa, R. Faria and T. Amon; S. Menezes, J. Fonseca, K. C. Bellappa, K. R. Kuttappa and B. Alphonso.

KIRKEE UNITED:—B. R. Shinde; C. N. Venkatesh and B. Darekar; Readycash, B. N. Nimal and F. D. Martis; Fonseca, Kshatri, D. Nimal, G. Nimal and F. Xavier.

REFEREES: Messrs. B. Abranam and A. V. Rebeiro.

Earlier in the evening Olympics from Nagpur got the better of the second string of St. Xavier's during extra-time by the odd goal in three. Scoring through Motiram very early in the game, they appeared to have the game well in hand at half time. After the interval however, A. Fialo levelled matters for the Collegians and during the very last minute of the second half of the extra-time Narayan Swami produced the winner which carried them to the next round.

THE TEAMS:

NAGPUR OLYMPICS: Lobo; G. Peter and Smith; S. B. Thakur, Mohio and Ganesh Seriam; Vishwanath, Motiram, Narayan Swami, Kamraj and Larry.

ST XAVIER'S 'B': O. Frank; R. Mesquita and J. N. Fernandes; G. Carvalho, J. Gonsalves and G. Fernandes; E. Perreira, R. Mathias, F. D'Souza, A. Fialo and A. Nunes.

REFEREES: Messrs. P. Saldhana and W. Joseph.

ST. XAVIER'S LODGE PROTEST

Jepson Cup Hockey

BOMBAY, Friday.

St. Xavier's Association this evening entered the field against Dockyard "B" under protest. The reason being that this tournament is meant for second and third division league teams, and Dockyard "B" fielded three men, namely Whyte, Benjamin and Crasto, who represented their first outfit in the Aga Khan Hockey Tournament.

The game was played and Dockyard beat St. Xavier's Association by a solitary goal scored by Cassy in the second half of play. This was a replayed game. Dockyard having drawn yesterday.

Both sides were well matched and the rival defences stood well. It was lucky for Dockyard to gain the advantage for Cassy secured an opening with which he made no mistake.

Later, it was decided, that a meeting will be held tomorrow to consider what action be taken. But the protest is upheld.

Nadkarni Cup Football Tournament Commences

BOMBAY, Friday.

Football commenced this evening at the popular venue and two first round games were played one in the Nadkarni Cup and the other in the Summersgill Tournament.

In the Nadkarni Cup Tournament this evening, Asbestos Cement Company beat Fort Harijan Football Club by three goals to nothing. In the beginning Fort Harijan played with their full complement, but due to an accident to one of their players had to play with only ten men. Asbestos Cement netted thrice in the last ten minutes of play through Kamble twice and Sudam once.

In the Summersgill Tournament young Mahomedans got the better of Rainbow Club by three goals to nil. Joseph, Ralph and Khalick scored for the winners.

PATAUDI'S TRIBUTE TO HINDLEKAR

NEW DELHI, April 1 (A.P.I.): The Nawab of Pataudi, who captained the Indian Team touring England in 1946 in a statement here today said, "the news of D. D. Hindlekar's death was "a great shock to all lovers of cricket in India."

Hindlekar, the Nawab added, was "undoubtedly one of the greatest gentlemen that ever stepped on the cricket field.

"Blessed with a cheerful disposition and big match temperament, Hindlekar always played for the side. I shall always remember with admiration and gratitude how, with a smile on his face, he struggled through some of the matches of the old and wintry English Tour of 1946 in spite of acute lumbago.

"As a wicket-keeper he was superb, by far the best India has produced."

NATIONAL CYCLING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Trials To Be Held On Sunday To Help Select India's Team

BOMBAY, Friday.

The National Cyclists' Federation of India are holding the National Cycling championships and All-India Cycling Trials on Sunday the 3rd April at the Brabourne Stadium at 2 p.m.

These trials will help in the selection of the Indian Team which is to participate in the World Cycling Championships which are to be held in August at Copenhagen.

Volleyball Tournament In Bombay

BOMBAY, Friday.

Under the auspices of the United Youths' Association, an Open Volleyball Tournament for the Dr. Sir Mohamed Iqbal Memorial Challenge Cup will be held from 14th April 1949 at the Mastan Shah Baug.

Entries close on 9th April '49 and should be addressed either to the Hon. Secy for Outdoor Games, United Youths' Ass'n., N. N. House, New Nagpada Road, or Mr. M. Zubair P. Maniar, C/o. Gujrat State Co., 102, Bhajipala Lane, Bombay 3, between 5 to 7 p.m. Entrance fee shall be Rs. 3/- per Team.

Empire Games: Last Date For Entries

AUCKLAND, March 31 (PTI-Reuter): Countries taking part in the Empire Games here next year must nominate the events in which they intend competing by October 31, it was announced today.

Athletics, four competitors for individual events, one team for team events; six competitors for the marathon; cycling, fencing, swimming and diving; three competitors for individual events, one team for team events; boxing, wrestling and weightlifting; one competitor in each weight; rowing and culling; one competitor for individual events, one team for team events; lawn bowling: one team in each event.

Indian Gymkhana (Matunga) Celebrates Annual Day

BOMBAY, Friday.

The annual cricket day of the Indian Gymkhana, Matunga will be celebrated at 6-00 P.M. on Saturday the 2nd April, 1949 at the Gymkhana Station. Dr. B. V. Narayanaswamy Naidu, Member, Indian Tariff Board, will preside over the function and distribute prizes.

In the Day's Sport

HOCKEY

Association Ground

5-30 p.m. Panchgani P.O.B. vs. Mazagoan Inst. (Jepson Cup).

FOOTBALL

Cooperage

4-45 p.m. B.S.N. vs. G.I.P. Railway (Summergill).

5-30 p.m. Bombay Keraleya Samaj vs. Burmah Shell (Nadkarni).

CEYLON ROUTED FOR 112

Pakistan Replies With 101 For 2 In First 'Test'

COLOMBO, April 1 (PTI-Reuter):—The first unofficial four-day "Test" between the Pakistan touring team and Ceylon began at Colombo Oval today in ideal weather. The wicket was soft owing to a heavy shower overnight.

Pakistan won the toss, but preferred to send Ceylon to bat.

Ceylon lost both their opening batsmen with only 11 runs on the score board. Pace bowler Khan Mohamed, who opened the Pakistan attack, cleanbowled Rodrigo with the first ball of the match and then Maqsood who had relieved Anwar Hussein after two overs operating from the other end dismissed Makin Salih. Salih, attempting to play the bowler forward, snicked the ball into the hands of Fazal when he was 4.

Jayawickreme, who came in next, also did not stay long. He was caught by Chippa at mid-on off Maqsood. Ceylon had lost 3 wickets for 19 runs when De Saram, Ceylon's skipper, and Abeyesekera came together.

At this stage, Fazal relieved Khan Mohamed whose hostile spell of five overs had cost five runs for one wicket.

Pakistan attack continued to be deadly and with the fieldsmen alert, the batsmen found it difficult to score runs. Only 30 runs were scored in the first 19 overs.

Pakistan skipper introduced leg-spinner Chippa at 23 and 7 runs later brought back Khan Mohamed.

Khan Mohamed returning to the attack brought further disaster to the home team. Once again with the very first ball of his second spell Khan had Abeyesekera caught at long-off by Saeed. He also claimed his rival captain De Saram leg before wicket in the same over. De Saram batted very stubbornly for his 11 scored in 25 minutes.

Wickets continued to tumble down and Coomaraswamy was dismissed cheaply for 11 runs when the total was 47. He was caught by Saeed off Chippa.

Kasipillai and Wijesinghe, however, offering determined resistance, weathered the period until lunch which was taken with the score at 61 for 6—Wijesinghe not out 13 and Kasipillai not out 7.

Resuming after lunch Kasipillai and Wijesinghe playing enterprising cricket, retrieved Ceylon's hopeless position to some extent. They added 48 runs for the seventh wicket before Kasipillai was caught at shortleg by Anwar Hussein off Chippa. Kasipillai played a fighting innings for his 24.

Wijesinghe left with the addition of two more runs in attempting to drive Fazal, he snicked the ball into Imtiaz's hands behind the wicket. He collected 29.

Remaining batsmen failed to offer much resistance.

Fazal rounded off Ceylon's innings for 112 after it had lasted 140 minutes, by having De Zoysa caught by Alimuddin.

Chippa and Khan shared the bowling honours, the former capturing 3 for 29 and the latter 3 for 36.

Nazar and Imtiaz opened Pakistan's first innings against the bowling of Nathaniels and Spittel. Both batsmen started confidently and sent up 10 in as many minutes. But with score at 17, Wijesinghe taking over from Spittel completely beat Imtiaz when he was 9.

At tea Alimuddin and Nazar were together with the score at 31 for one wicket.

Resuming after tea Nazar reached his 20 by leg-gliding Wijesinghe for four. The same stroke raised the score to 40. Leg-spinner Zoysa was introduced at this stage and Nazar square-cutting him for two brought up 50 in 60 minutes.

But with the addition of one more run Nazar in attempting to drive Wijesinghe to the off popped up a catch to Nathaniels. He scored 29.

This brought Alimuddin and Murrawat together. Starting cautiously these two batsmen gradually dug themselves in, scoring mostly in singles.

They were still together at the close of play with score at 101 for two.

SCORE-BOARD

CEYLON (FIRST INNINGS)

Rodrigo b Khan Mohammed	0
Makin Salih c Fazal b Maqsood	4
F. C. De Saram lbw Khan Mohammed	11
Jayawickreme c Chippa b Maqsood	4
Abeyasekera c Saeed b Khan Mohammed	7
Coomaraswamy c Saeed b Chippa	11
Wijesinghe c Imtiaz b Fazal	29
Kasipillai c Anwar b Chippa	24
Spittel c Imtiaz b Chippa	9
De Zoysa c Alimuddin b Fazal	4
Nathaniels not out	2
Extras	7
Total	112

Wickets fell at: 11, 19, 30, 31, 47, 95, 97, and 107

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O	M	R	W
Khan Mohamed	11	3	36	3
Anwar Hussein	2	0	9	0
Maqsood	5	2	13	2
Fazal	12	7	13	2
Chippa	16	6	29	3
Amin	1	0	5	0

PAKISTAN (FIRST INNINGS)

Imtiaz b Wijesinghe	9
Nazar Mohamed c Nathaniels b Wijesinghe	29
Alimuddin not out	24
Murrawat Hussein not out	26
Extras	13
Total (for 2 wickets)	101

Wicket fell at: 26 and 51.

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O	M	R	W
Nathaniels	12	4	13	0
Spittel	10	4	18	0
Wijesinghe	13	6	21	2
De Zoysa	10	2	19	0
Coomaraswamy	5	1	13	0
Abeyasekera	3	1	4	0

Race Selections

Rana Pratap Fancied To Score In Lumley Cup

BY OUR RACING CORRESPONDENT

The following are my selections for the sixth and the last spring meeting, to be held tomorrow at Mahaluxmi:—

1st RACE
ICY HOT — Win
GWALIOR EXPRESS — Next Best
if ab. CREPE de CHINE

2nd RACE
MAGIC LOVE — Win
SINHGARH — Next Best
if ab. JAHAN ZAIB

3rd RACE
GINGER LADY — Win
BRILLIANT SUNSHINE — Next Best

4th RACE
MUSAFIR — Win
THE GIRL FRIEND — Next Best

5th RACE
PRINCESSA — Win
STAR SAPHIRE — Next Best

6th RACE
RANA PRATAP — Win
PUT ALL — Next Best

7th RACE
MY PET — Win
GENTLE WHISPER — Next Best

8th RACE
RAMAL — Win
RAJ DOOT — Next Best

CHOICE TREBLE
MUSAFIR
PRINCESSA
MY PET

FLUKES
COCKTOP
MANISHA

Latest Spurts From Mahaluxmi

By Our Track Reporter

The following are the pick of the spurts noted this morning at Mahaluxmi.—

OUTER TAN.

PLYING CLIPPER (Damodar) moved splendidly over three furlongs in 36 seconds.

THE CONQUEROR (Khade) and GLITTER (Shiba) were in close order at the end of a three furlongs spurt made in 36 1/2 seconds.

LUMINARY (Sk. Ahmed) PURE EMERALD (R.B.) and PURI PAKODI (R.B.) moved at their own pace when covering three furlongs in 38 seconds.

POM POM II (R.B.) did a speedy three furlongs in 36 seconds.

QUEEN'S CUP (Md. Khan) was speedier than BATTLE OUT (Shivaji) when sent out over half mile. Timing 52 seconds.

MORTON DAISY (Dar) covered three furlongs in 36 1/2 seconds.

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DARK ROY (Khade) disposed of PROVE IT (R.B.) when covering three furlongs in 37 seconds.

MAGIC LOVE (Damodar) moved in hand when covering three furlongs in 38 seconds.

PRINCESSA (Antoo) and HER EXCELLENCY (R.B.) moved freely when covering three furlongs in 37 seconds. Both shaped like winners.

SANTENELLA (Medhe) covered three furlongs in 37 1/2 seconds.

MUSAFIR (Antoo) convincingly held ZALIM (Kheem) when sent over three. Talib's pair clocked 37 3/5 seconds.

SONNET (Dar) showed out from DOWN SOUTH (D'Monte) when covering three furlongs in 37 1/2 seconds.

AAN BAAN (Kheem) BAAZ BAHADUR (Antoo) and SUNBATHING (G. Chavan) covered three furlongs in 37 seconds. None seriously pressed, they were placed in the order mentioned at the end.

RACE GRASS.

GEORGETTE (Ganesh) did an excellent three furlongs spurt, beating LILY (K. Hassan) and KAMMU (R.B.) over three furlongs. Timing 36 seconds.

LITTLE JOHN (Khade) made a three furlongs trip in 36 1/5 seconds.

GAME BID (Shaikh) and COEUR D'OR (Aurobinda) covered four furlongs in 51 seconds.

ZEDAI (Khade) covered three furlongs in 35 1/2 seconds.

MANISHA (Shaikh) held SHUBH LUXMI (Cunningham) when covering three furlongs in 37 1/5 seconds.

THE JUDGE (Khade) covered three furlongs in 36 1/2 seconds.

BRILLIANT SUNSHINE (Chavan) moved at a fair pace over three and clocked 38 seconds.

FASHION PARADE (B. Khade) had the measure of MUMTAZ MAHAL (B. Khalil) when negotiating three furlongs in 36 1/2 seconds.

YEMIN UL MULK (Kheem) moved over three furlongs in 38 1/2 seconds.

GENTLE WHISPER (Khade) covered three furlongs in 37 2/5 seconds. She moved on tight-reins.

Acceptances For Sunday Races

The following will run in the Bombay Meeting, 1948-49 (Hospital Day) Sunday, 3rd April, 1949.

THE K.E.M. HOSPITAL PLATE (About) 1¼ Miles.

Jahan Zaib 9-0, Yemin Ul Mulk 8-11, Icy Hot 8-10, Abdel 8-8, Duchess of Ramgarh 8-7, Lalkar 8-3.

THE GOKULDAS TEJPAL HOSPITAL PLATE (Div. I)—6 Furs.

La Contesse 8-12, Kantaka 8-12, Aafrin 8-12, Raj Laxmi 8-12, Past The Post 8-12, Belle Amie 8-12, Desert Queen 8-12, Why Again 8-12, Lily 8-12, Honey Bunch 8-12, Kammu 8-12, Cherry Blossom 8-12.

THE SIR J. J. HOSPITAL PLATE (Div. III)—7 Furs.

Big Hearted 9-3, Trunk Call 9-1, King Richard 9-1, Army and Navy 8-11, Princess Pakistan 8-10, Peppermint 8-7, Sonnet 8-7, Galatea 8-3, Missing Link 8-3, President 8-2, Prince Jehangir 8-1, Traitor 7-7, Zanzavat 7-3.

THE GOKULDAS TEJPAL HOSPITAL PLATE (Div. II)—6 Furs.

Maleka Saheba 8-12, True Love 8-12, Piroza 8-12, Malka-e-Alam 8-12, Pick Money 8-12, Maha Maya 8-12, Grace Darling 8-12, Ati's Pride 8-12, Chhoti Begum 8-12, Cool and Collected 8-12, Santenella 8-12, No No Nanette 8-12, Mumtaz Mahal II 8-12, Georgette 8-12.

THE SIR J. J. HOSPITAL PLATE (Div. I)—7 Furs.

Tantalum 9-0, Trumpeldor 8-9, Princess of Hindustan 8-8, Musafir 8-8, New Era 8-7, Chetna 8-8, Ganga Singh 8-6, Zedai 8-3, Lady Doctor 7-13.

THE SURGEON GENERAL'S CUP 6 Furs.

Sunbathing 9-2, Medallion 9-1, Royal Mantle 9-1, Laila 8-13, Abbess 8-11, Khundil 8-10, Shubh Luxmi 8-5, Sweet Maryla 8-3, Bhopal Star 8-1, Churchill 7-12. Pom Pom II. 7-11, Georgie 7-13.

THE SIR J.J. HOSPITAL PLATE (Div. II)—7 Furs.

Pashion Parade 9-2, Queen's Cup 9-0, Navroze 8-9, Onslaught 8-9, Plucky Princess 8-6, Puri Pakodi 8-4, Glitter 8-6, Lizalee 8-6, Down South 8-5, Crescendo 7-13, London Tan 7-13.

THE ST. GEORGE'S HOSPITAL PLATE (Div. 1)—1 Mile.

Flying Clipper 9-2, Pride d'Antibes 9-2, Saita 9-0, Malakeh 8-12, Pan Supari 8-11, Rashtrapati 8-10, Dominator 8-9, Ayaaz 8-8, Embarkation 8-3, Atomic 8-2, Taslaroon 8-2, Her Excellency 7-13, Dark Roy 7-12.

THE ST GEORGE'S HOSPITAL PLATE (Div. II)—1 Mile.

Ghizala 9-2, Windsor Knight 8-11, Mah-I-Nau 8-9, Lady Cleopatra 8-7, Coeur d'Cr 8-7, Valiant Prince 8-5, Cockpit Pride 8-4, D. Day 8-4, Little John 8-1, Ajinkya Tara II 8-0, Just Wait 8-0.

LEICESTER CITY AND F.A. CUP FINAL

Splendid Chances To Make Soccer History

LONDON, April 1 (PTI-Reuter): The Second Division Club, Leicester City, who last Saturday reached the F. A. Cup Final for the first time, have a splendid chance to accomplish the best performance in the history of Wembley Cup finals.

Since the first final was played at the famous stadium in 1923, only four other Second Division clubs have reached the last stage. Three of them were promoted the same year and the other just missed that distinction, finishing third.

Leicester cannot claim any such high place in the Second Division table. In fact they are still struggling to avoid relegation.

West Bromwich Albion are the only Second Division side successful at the stadium. They beat Birmingham in 1931.

The other league two teams were Westham United, who lost to Bolton Wanderers in 1923, Sheffield United, beaten by Arsenal in 1936 and Burnley, who went down to Charlton Athletic in 1947.

Sheffield United were the only one of these clubs which failed to gain promotion in the same season.

Whatever happens between now and April 30, Leicester will hold a lower league position than any other team which has appeared at Wembley.

It would be an amazing thing if Leicester were to win the Cup and go into the Third Division the same year. Actually their league placing is false, for they have several games in hand and are playing so well that they will probably rise rapidly when they resume their Second Division matches.

It is always possible, however, that Leicester, with the Cup in mind, will fall deeper into the relegation zone and then find it impossible to extricate themselves.

In the semi-finals of the Cup, Leicester shattered Portsmouth's ambition of winning the Cup and the League Championship in their Jubilee year. They thoroughly deserved their success for they played better football and showed the league leaders a thing or two.

Their First Division opponents for Wembley are not yet decided, for Manchester United, the Cup holders, and Wolverhampton Wanderers drew in their first match and will replay on Everton's ground this Saturday.

Wolverhampton were severely handicapped by injuries to two of their defenders and were forced to reshuffle their team within five minutes of the start of last Saturday's match.

They gave a courageous display almost two hours and thoroughly earned their right to a replay.

Manchester United looked nothing like the team of last year, despite the fact that ten of the men who won the Cup were on view. Whatever team reaches the final will have to look out for Leicester City at Wembley.

M.C.C. TEAM BACK IN ENGLAND

LONDON, April 1, (PTI-Reuter): A big crowd welcomed the M.C.C. at Waterloo Station here today on their return from the victorious South African tour. F. G. Mann, the captain said: "We have had a really wonderful tour. There was very little difference between the two Test sides. Our batting was on the whole more consistent. Our bowling was steadier than theirs and this combined with our fielding swayed the balance in our favour.

"Apart from this", Mann continued, "I think that such success as was achieved in results and the way in which the games were played was very largely due to the fact that the side was such a very happy one."

Mann added that he would be unable to play much more first class cricket after the end of the present Engliseh season as he would have to go back to business "and do some work."

CITY & SUBURBS

To-day

Hindu: Chaitra Shud 4, 2005.
Muslim: Jamadi-ul-Akher 2, 1368.
Parsi: Avan 2, 1318.
Sunrise: 6-32 a.m. Sunset: 6-52 p.m.
Hightide: 01-38, 14-24.
Lowtide: 07-46, 20-04.

To-day's Engagements

HOTEL-KEEPERS' ASSOCIATION: On account of certain publication in a section of the Press, the keepers of hotels and lodging and boarding houses are under the impression that there is a provision in the amended Shops Act, for the compulsory closure of Hotels, one day in every week. Let it be noted that only shops and commercial establishments are to be compulsorily closed and Hotels and places of public entertainment, are not to be compulsorily closed.

The other material changes in the Shops Act relating to Hotels are as follows:—(1) Nine hours' work during a day instead of ten hours; (2) Compulsory registration of every establishment; (3) Notifying every change in the employment within a week in the prescribed form together with the prescribed fees.; (4) Opening Hotels not before 5 a.m. and closing not later than 11 p.m.; (5) Six hours work in a day from young persons; (6) Giving identity cards to employees; (7) Maintaining registers regarding leave and cleanliness in prescribed forms.

SCHOOL DAY APPEAL: The Ghatkopar Progressive Students' Association, as a body of the student masses, appeals to students to cooperate wholeheartedly with the organisers of the School-Day Programme, for collecting for Gandhi Memorial National Fund, which is proposed to be held on or about 6th inst.

BOMBAY BULLION ASSOCIATION: Inauguration ceremony of Forward Trading Ring in Bullion at Bullion Hall today (Saturday) at 6 p.m. The Hon'ble Mr. B. G. Kher will perform the ceremony.

GAUDIYA MISSION: Upadeshak Swami Sri Nitaidas Bhaktishastri Ragalankarji will speak on "Can the Pre-arranged life be Altered?" in English at Sri Gaudiya Math, Gowalia Tank Road, tomorrow (Sunday) at 5-30 p.m.

THE BOMBAY SECONDARY TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION: Lecture by Dr. Bhasker Patel on B.C.G. Vaccination against Tuberculosis, at 5-30 p.m. in the Anjuman-i-Islam High School, Boribandar, an Ordinary General Meeting at 6 p.m.

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS: "Building of Character" is the subject of Public Lecture (tomorrow) (Sunday) at 6-15 p.m., at Jehangir Wadia Building, Opp. Flora Fountain.

LECTURE ON VEDANTA: Swami Sambuddhananda of Ramakrishna Mission will deliver a lecture on Self-Knowledge in English at the Batliboi's Acountancy Institute today (Saturday) at 2-40 p.m. He will also conduct a class on Bhagawat Geeta in English at the Ramakrishna Mission Library Hall tomorrow (Sunday) at 9 a.m. and a class on the Gospel of Sri Ramakrishna at the same place in Hindi and English at 5-30 p.m.

BOMBAY MAZDOOR CO-OP. SOCIETY LTD.: The first general meeting of the above society was held on 29th instant. at Ferry Wharf under the presidentship of Sjt. Asoka Mehta. Only those who are working as labourers for loading and unloading of bag and baggages of passengers of coastal lines are allowed to become its members. Within a course of 3 months the society has been able to accumulate more than Rs. 26,000 after paying more than Rs 110 per month to every labourer. The following are elected as office-bearers of the society:—President: Asoka Mehta. Secretary: Shanti Patel. Chairman: P. W. Khandekar.

INDIAN INDUSTRIES FAIR LTD.: The 8th Exhibition of the Indian Industries Fair, which is now held at Azad Maidan, will remain open till 12 midnight of Monday 4th inst.

BOMBAY ASTROLOGICAL SOCIETY: The regular classes on Elementary Astrology will be taken from 2 to 5 p.m. (S.T.) Mr. M. S. Shah will deliver a lecture on "How to find ousiness from Horoscope?" at 5 to 6 p.m. (S.T.) tomorrow (Sunday) at Bharitya Vidya Bhawan 25 Choupati Rd. Bombay.

IMAMWADA WELFARE CENTRE: Under the auspices of the Imamwada Welfare Centre a Public Meeting will be held at 8-30 p.m. (S.T.) today (Saturday) at Imamwada Road near Bhendi Bazar with the object of fostering the Spirit of brotherhood and unity amongst the masses.

Mr. S. K. Patil, President, Provincial Congress Committee has kindly consented to preside.

RATIONING OFFICE: The Parle-Andheri Ward Rationing Office at Andheri and the Sub-Office at Vile-Parle will remain closed on Sunday the 3rd April 1949, on account of Municipal General Elections of the Parle-Andrehi Municipal Borough. Both the Offices will, however, remain open on Monday the 4th April, 1949.

KEROSENE UNITS: The value of Kerosene Units on various Ration Documents for the month of April 1949 has been fixed, as shown below:—

K(L) Card (Lighting Purposes) 1 gallon Per Unit.

K(L) Business Card (Lighting Purposes 2 gallons Per Ration Document.

K(H) Card (Non-Ligting Purposes) 2 gallons Per Unit.

K(H) Permit (Non-Lighting Purposes) 5 gallons Per Ration Document.

GREATER BOMBAY CO-OPERATIVE BOARD: Mr. V. P. Bapat, will deliver a lecture on "Principles of Book-keeping" at 3-30 p.m. and Mr. Y. B. Gaitonde on "Preparation of statements of Accounts" at 4-15 p.m. at the Provincial Co-operative Institute, 9, Bakhouse Lane, Fort, Bombay today (Saturday).

HARIJAN SEVAK SANGH: Special Bhajan programme by five different Harijan Bhajan Mandalis at the premises of the Lakshminarayan temple at Madhav Baug from 8-30 p.m. Mr. B. G. Kher, Premier of Bombay will attend.

Radio

BOMBAY, Saturday, April 2

244 m. (1,231 kc/s)
31.41 m. (9,550 kc/s)

7-30 a.m. Mohan Advani (Geet) 7-45 Allah Rakha (Tabla) 8-00 News (E) 8-15 News (H) 8-30 Pinakin Trivedi 8-45 News (G).

244 m. (1,231 kc/s)
41.44 m. (7,240 kc/s)

12-45 p.m. Sheila Shirur (Bhavgeeten) 1-00 News (G) 1-10 Bhavgeeten 1-40 You Asked for It.

244 m. (1,231 kc/s)
31.41 m. (9,550 kc/s)

5-00 p.m. Sheila Shirur 5-15 Allah Rakha (Tabla) 6-00 News (E) 6-10 News (H) 6-20 Durga Kulkarni (Vocal music) 7-00 Topic of the Day 7-10 Local Announcements and Weather Report 7-15 Allah Rakha (Tabla) 7-30 Sheila Shirur (Bhavgeeten) 7-45 Film Music.

41.44 m. (7,240 kc/s)

8-00 p.m. Pinakin Trivedi (Geeto) 8-15 News (G) 9-00 News (E) 9-15 News (H) 9-30 B. B. C. News Relay 10-00 Durga Kulkarni (Vocal music) 10-30 G. D. Agni (Vocal music).

VARIATIONS.

41.44 m. (7,240 kc/s)
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7-45 a.m. News (E) 8-00 G. D. Agni (Vocal music) 8-30 News (M) 8-45 J. K. Banerjee (H songs).

12-50 p.m. News (M) 1-0 Mohan Advani 1.30 Violin Par Stage Dhun 1-40 News (H) 1-50 Naohovanicha Parisaras Variety programme (M) 2-20 Shreekant Thakre (Violin recital).

41.44 m. (7,240 kc/s) upto 7.45 p.m.

5-30 p.m. Bahuroopi Programme (G) 5-30 J. K. Bannerjee (H songs) 6-15 Calling Rural Listeners.

61.48 m. (4,880 kc/s)

7-30 p.m. Commercial News 7-45 News (K) 8-00 News (M) 8-15 Sudha Marathe (Vocal music) 8-30 Kritanek Namaskar 9-00 Sudha Marathe (Vocal music) 9-20 J. K. Bannerjee (H songs) 9-40 Anything Goes 9-45 Around the Local Cinemas 9-55 Teer Nahi to Tukko Programe (G).

Kidwai's Broadcast Toda

At 8-30 p.m. today Hon'ble Minister Rafi Ahmed Kidwai will broadcast from Delni on 'AIRWAYS'. This will be relayed by Bombay on 244 and 41.44 metres.

Progressive Group Elections

The Annual General Meeting of the Progressive Group was held at the Green's Hotel on Wednesday the 30th March 1949 at 6 p.m. under the presidentship of Mr. S. K. Karanjia and the following office-bearers were elected:—

Mr. S. K. Karanjia and Mr. B. N. Anklesaria were re-elected as president and vice-president respectively. Miss Sylla M. Spencer and Mr. M. D. Japheth as secretaries and Mr. J. F. Kapadia as Treasurer. Members Mr. N. A. Chinoy, Mr. D. M. Spencer, Mr. H. D. Doongaji, Mr. M. D. Japheth, Mr. B. S. Paymaster, Mr. Dhirubhai Kapadia and Mr. R. C. Doodhmal.

Under the presidentship of Mr. S. K. Karanjia the group had a record of activities during the last year. Notable personalities that spoke on the platform of the group included His Excellency the Governor of Bombay Mr. B. G. Kher, the Premier of Bombay, Mr. Morarji Desai, Home Minister of Bombay, Chief Justice of India Sir Hiralal Kania, speaker of the Parliament Honourable Mr. G. V. Maolankar, President of the Tariff Board, Mr. G. L. Mehta and many others.

SUBURBAN ASSOCIATION, MALAD: Ram Naomi Programme G. K. Nimkar, Vocal, K. K. Joshi, Tabla, and Champaklal Hakkar, Tamboora 8-30 p.m.

DHARMA PARISHAD: A meeting of the Reception Committee of All Religions Conference, Bombay, will be held at 7 p.m. today (Saturday) at Sjt. Kanaiyial M. Munshi's residence, 26 Ridge Road, Malabar Hill, Bombay.

TELEGRAPH NOTIFICATION: As a temporary measure from the 1st of April the following offices are served by landlines from Amman for all classes except letter telegrams—Janin, Jerico, Jerusalem Old City, Nallus, Ramalah and Tulkarm. Letter telegrams and all classes of telegraph traffic to Bethlehem continue to be posted from Amman for the time being.

"C" WARD WORKERS TO MEET: A meeting for the distributing work of collecting Mahatma Gandhi National Memorial Fund, will be held today (Saturday) at 9 p.m. at Keshav Baug, Princess St. Bombay-2. All the Congress workers and representatives of volunteers' organisations are cordially invited.

CO-OPERATICE SOCIETIES ORGANISERS: The Government of Bombay has extended the period of appointment of the District as well as Taluka Honorary Organisers of Co-operative Societies in the Province up to April 30, 1949.

PROHIBITION CASES: The Prohibition Department of the Greater Bombay Police picked up 250 cases, arrested 141 persons and seized 176 gallons of illicit liquor and 5,499 gallons of wash, during the week ended March 24 last.

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The Bombay Chronicle

The true aim of everyone who aspires to be a teacher should be not to impart his own opinions, but to kindle minds.
—F. W. ROBERTSON

DOWN WITH EXCOMMUNICATION

Excommunication, an official Bill for the abolition of which is now before the Bombay Legislature, is an ancient custom but has been attended with many evils in most countries, particularly in India. Many Hindus have been excommunicated for frivolous reasons such as travelling to foreign countries or dining with those who have so travelled or with the so-called untouchables. The evil is not confined to the Hindus. A Muslim who refused to grow a beard of the particular type prescribed by the High Priest was recently excommunicated, another for serving meat at a community dinner. An instance was cited in the Assembly of an excommunicated Muslim who was not allowed to be buried in the graveyard reserved for his community It was to prevent such injustices that the Bombay Government sponsored a Bill for the abolition of excommunication and the last session of the Assembly decided to circulate it to elicit public opinion thereon. As was to be expected, the Bill has been well received by the public and its becoming law very soon is a foregone conclusion.

Some of the opponents of the Bill have objected to its very principle. They argue that just as a club or an association has an inherent right to expel any member for violating its rules so has a religious community an inherent right to excommunicate any of its members for similar reasons. The analogy is not tenable. The persons who become members of an association voluntarily agree to the rules including those about expulsion. But persons are born into a religion, and their not changing it later cannot be interpreted as approval of all its beliefs and practices. They have rather an inherent right to remain in their religion or caste and seek to reform some of the beliefs and practices. It is, of course, open to a religious body like, say, the Theosophical Society, which admits members to it who accept its rules, to expel them or to deprive them of some special privileges to which the members are entitled. But even this restriction of privileges must be in accordance with the rules they have accepted. In the case of a religion or caste into which men are born no restriction of their privileges can be justified which deprives them of their common rights as members of their religion or caste, nor can any religion or caste claim exemption from the operation of the Bill in question on the ground that the excommunications therein have been so far very few. The evils of excommunication do not necessarily follow it. The very threat or possibility of excommunication is coercive and unjust and often deprives men of their fundamental civic rights. For instance, the threat of excommunication may compel many persons not to associate freely with Harijans. In a way the present Bill is necessary for the complete success of the anti-untouchability legislation.

A few members of the Assembly have complained that the Select Committee to which the Bill has been referred is given only four days for its work though the Bill is "bristling with legal and other difficulties." The difficulties are more imaginary than real. The Bill, with only six classes in it, has been before the House for months, and critics have had time enough either to find a way out of the difficulties or to make them a reason for opposing the measure. However, many members of the Assembly have strongly supported the Bill, one of them saying that it has long been overdue. The fear has been expressed that even when excommunication has been abolished over-orthodox priestcraft may continue to harass ardent reformers through some kind of social ostracism. That is true of social reform legislation in general. Law does not wholly solve the problem. It consolidates the gains achieved through persuasion but always leaves room for continued propaganda. It expects reformers to be active in their agitation for reform till there is no further need for reform through legislation. If in spite of the law against excommunication ultra-orthodox people harass the reformers it should be a challenge to the latter to be more militant in their agitation for reform. The time will not be long before the common people will rally round them. It is because of this pro-reform tendency among the people that so many official and non-official social reform bills are being brought forward in the legislatures.

Housing Municipal Schools

The condition of Municipal as well as non- Muncipal private schools in the city has always been very deplorable. Pupils are generally herded together in dark, ill-ventilated rooms which were not specifically built for the purpose. The situation has become much worse in recent years as a result of the unexpected and abnormal overcrowding in the city itself. Not the least commendable part of the report of Mr. R. V. Parulekar Special officer, about the re-organisation of primary education, is the pointed attention he has drawn to the position of housing of Municipal Schools. While the 600 and odd Municipal Schools run by the London County Council are all housed in buildings specially built by the Council, in Bombay 250 out of the 303 buildings housing Municipal Primary Schools are private hired buildings. The rest include donated buildings, Improvement Trust property and other categories not specifically built for school purposes. Mr. Parulekar points out that only 16 buildings accommodating 14,300 children out of a total of 1,21,000 have been built for that purpose The total cost of these buildings is a bare Rs 32 lakhs, out of which the Government has contributed just Rs. 5 lakhs. It must also be remembered that at present as many as 48 per cent of the pupils attend classes worked in a second shift. A mere recital of these facts is enough to prove how this problem has been long neglected and deserves immediate attention.

In fact the question of school housing has a larger bearing. It is not only the Municipal Primary Schools that are badly housed. Practically every type of educational institution in Bombay, private or public, is run in places most unsuited for that purpose. It is true that much of Bombay grew up without any kind of planning and the fact that no special provision was made anywhere for school, sites of buildings is understandable. But even in the new areas no such provision has been made and is still not being made. Within a stone's throw of Bori Bunder, one of the most crowded and noisy spots in the city, there are six high schools and two colleges, with more further down along the roads running on all sides. More than one committee has condemned the Elphinstone College, the premier Government College in the city, as being unfit for its purpose. The constant trundle of trams along its front makes it necessary to suspend lectures every alternate minute. This was the result of want of planning in the modern sense. But surely areas like the Shivaji Park and Marine Drive were planned by modern-minded engineers. Yet there is neither a school site nor a school in the Marine Drive area and children of the residents of those flats have to go to distant schools. The idea that well built, well equipped schools pleasantly sited are necessary parts of every colony still awaits acceptance at the hands of Bombay's very modern planning engineers.

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT

BELGRADA, March 31.
Russia and its Cominform satellites have quietly withdrawn their Ambassadors and Ministers from Yugoslavia in a diplomatic boycott of their former Communist ally.—U.P.A.

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Speaking at a Jaipur civic function, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel said: "Rajasthan is the head of India."

We don't understand We just don't understand at all. With South India as the brains of India, this ancient country of ours must, in that case, be an anatomical freak.

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With the election of the 51-year-old Tamil Nad, Congress nominee, Mr. P. S. Kumaraswami Rajah, as new leader of the Madras Congress Legislature party, a general reshuffling of the Ministry is inevitable — Madras conjecture

Yes, we know and expect all that. But the point that interests us is who will be elected the new leader of the Madras Congress Legislature Party next year.

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In the Bombay Assembly debate on the anti-ex-communication Bill Mr A. A. Khan—he is the Leader, you know of the Fourth Party (!!!!) and is anti-anti-ex-communication—is reported to have quoted George Bernard Shaw.

Which stimulates an interesting thought. What would G. B. S. say about the honour of having Mr. A. A. Khan as his admirer?

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The Kabul Press is reported to have published strong rejoinders to the Pakistan Radio campaign against the Afghanistan Government.

We should like to watch further progress with great interest—and always ready to receive with greater interest Abdul Qualyum Khan's authoritative, first hand and entirely reliable contributions to it.

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The Dutch shipping lines, waging an all-out freight slashing offensive against British and Indian companies on the eastern route, today carried the "war" into England.

We almost feel like "serve England right."

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On arrival at New York, Mr. Ernest Bevin told reporters that the Atlantic Pact was "the culmination of a concrete effort to prevent war for generations to come."

Oh, is that one of those "pacts"? We did suspect it, though.

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Mr. Ernest Bevin was, according to a later report, also the target of a tomato hurled from a group of jeering pickets as he left the boat.

We don't like to speculate on what would have happened if a Molotov or Vyshinsky had been—no don't let us talk about it.

By the way, "the tomato missed him" (Mr. Bevin)

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Mr. Winston Churchill's major address, the echoes of which are going round the world was, we notice, delivered at the Boston garden party.

Was it, we wonder, deliberately arranged by the history-conscious sponsors!

Anyhow, Mr. Churchill does not seem to have referred to it.

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WOMEN QUARREL IN U. N. BODY

And where do they not?

CITY CORPORATION: WEEK BY WEEK

(By "Citizen")

A proposal to place on record the deep appreciation by the Corporation of the measures taken by the Government in establishing a Milk Colony at Aarey near Goregaon was hotly debated by the House this week. The majority party which had earlier in the year criticised the manner in which the Opposition were requisitioning special meetings had this time requisitioned a special meeting for this purpose. The resolution moved by the leader of the Congress party, said that the scheme was going to have great beneficent results and there were potentialities in regard to improving the milk supply of the city and the removal of milch cattle stables which are a great source of nuisance and danger to the health of the city. The mover paid high tribute to the Government for doing a piece of work so quickly which the Corporation was not able to achieve during the last twenty years

WRONG LOCATION FOR COLONY

The Opposition however did not agree with this view and considered that the House was being needlessly hasty in showering encomiums on the Government. Mr. Naushir Bharucha who moved an amendment expressed grave concern at the fact that the Colony was located in the Vihar catchment area one of the sources of water supply to the city. He thought the existence of this colony where as many as 15,000 milch cattle would be housed would be a source of polluting the water supply to the city. He wanted the Government to stop from developing this colony and to shift it outside the Greater Bombay area as has been suggested by the town planners in their scheme of Greater Bombay. He was supported by Mr. Dinkar Desai, who as usual quoted from official documents some statements to prove that there had been opposition to this idea of locating the colony so near Bombay and wanted that it should be removed to a distant place like Palghar in the Thana district or some other place beyond Kalyan. There was another amendment which sought to refer this proposition to the Works Committee. Both the amendments met the usual fate and the original resolution was adopted by a majority. As against 47 supporters of the original resolution, there were 29 Councillors who were opposed to the idea. It is perhaps on this account and of the quite a few harsh things that were said on the floor of the House that a city paper has said that the manner in which the motion was passed took away the grace from it.

DISPOSAL OF LAND

The policy of the Corporation in disposing of its land has been a matter of constant criticism by the Opposition. As is well-known most of the land that belonged to the Corporation has already been disposed of and it is equally well-known that the manner in which it has been done in the recent past has not been very satisfactory. There is a class of people who have made it their business to purchase plots of Municipal lands and to sell them back to other parties at a much higher price and to make huge profits out of such bargains in which there is not much investment either. Almost every time such a case of transfer from one purchaser to another has come before the House during the last twelve months, the Opposition has raised its voice of protest against such deals. These have been characterised as "profiteering in Municipal lands" and it has been suggested that the Corporation should be no party to such deals and should refuse permission to transfer plots from one name to another. Recently a suggestion has also been made that on every such occasion, the Corporation should secure the land for itself and it has been pointed out that it should be possible to do so on the original price paid by the purchaser. Even if it were not possible under the present laws and they needed a change the Government should come to the aid of the Corporation and enable them to do so.

BYCULLA CLUB LAND

Apart from the sale of Municipal lands a question of buying a portion of what was so far known as the Byculla Club, came up before the House. The B.E.S.T. Committee had purchased a piece of some 24,000 and odd square yards from its present owner at a price of Rs. 70 per yard. The total cost of this land would come to Rs. 16,80,000 and one tenth of this was paid to the owner as earnest money. There was an estate broker who was paid a commission of 2 per cent on this transaction and the papers before the Councillors stated that the broker "verbally reported to the B.E.S.T. Committee that the owner had agreed to sell the land". This manner of bringing about the deal which would cost the Municipality something like Rs. 17 lakhs and in which the broker would make no less than Rs. 34,000 as mere commission was objected to by the Opposition. Their plea was that it should have been possible for the Municipality in such a case to seek the help of the Government and to acquire the plot at reasonable rates. While making this plea one of their spokesmen advocated the principle that all land in this city must belong to the Municipality and the time was not far off when necessary legislation will have to be undertaken to bring about such a change and to invest the ownership of every inch of land in this city into the Municipality. The amendment that the matter should be referred back to the B.E.S.T. Committee was lost. Incidentally it would be interesting to note that this land was purchased last year and but for a change in the Municipal Act the matter would not have come up before the Committee or the Corporation even for confirmation since in the old Act, the General Manager was authorised to finalise such purchases.

SAD COMMENT ON CIVIC LIFE

The conviction by a city court of Sardar Pratapsingh for the contravention of the Municipal Act of 1888 and the imposition of a fine on him has created a stir in Municipal circles and was the talk of the lobbies this week. That a City Father who is also a member of the B.P.C.C. and of the A.I.C.C. should have utilised his position as a Municipal Councillor to secure a contract from the Municipality, is a sad commentary of civic life. All the implications of this case are not yet fully studied, but I learn that this may ultimately lead to the disqualification of the member concerned and result in his being unseated.

ELECTION WEEK

The coming week is going to be a week full of elections. Tomorrow (Sunday 3rd April) the 30,000 Municipal voters in Parle Andheri Municipal area go to the polls to elect their 30 representatives. The fate of that unhappy suburb will be decided by these elections for the next three years. Twenty Socialists and two and a half times that number of Independents including a few Congressmen are wooing the electorate. A round through the area revealed that apart from house to house canvassing and individual approach to the voters a good deal of visual propaganda in the shape of posters some of them indeed very attractive is being done. Evidently, methods used and found to be effective in the city are being repeated in the suburbs.

MAYORAL ELECTION

In the city itself the Mayoral election takes place on Monday. The Congress nominee Mr. S. K. Patil is trying hard to take his total to something like 70 votes while the Socialists assured of their own votes and the support of the Scheduled Caste Federation which together comes to 41, are trying to raise this total by wooing the few independents left in the House. The week will also see the election of the Chairmen and Deputy Chairmen of the various Municipal Committees, both major and minor and all these will go to the Congress nominees as it is they who hold the majority in every committee so far.

PARULEKAR REPORT

The Parulekar report to which I referred last week has now received a good deal of publicity, and there has also been some press comment on it. The Corporation has yet to debate upon it and to appoint a Committee of the House to go into it. The matter was twice on the agenda. The Opposition wanted the same to be taken up on a day to be fixed by the Mayor so that there may be a proper and full-fledged debate on it. The motion for fixing such a date was lost but the item somehow got shelved and whenever it comes up for discussion again it is bound to receive the attention and consideration of the House that it deserves. The press comments on this useful and informative report and the far reaching suggestions made by the Special Officer which if and when accepted by the Corporation and implemented by the Government would change the entire complexion of the Schools Committee will be of much help to the House.

FRANKLY SPEAKING

Supplementary Grants

The Central Assembly had good reason to resent being allowed only one day for the Finance Minister's demands for supplementary grants for 1948-49. The grants totalled about Rs. 118 crores, which was nearly 40 per cent of the total expenditure for the year. Secondly, some important principles were involved in the demands. The bigness of the amount was perhaps inevitable. As against it we have the satisfaction of good results from the unexpected military expenditure which partially necessitated the supplementary demands. The results in Kashmir have not yet been equally satisfactory but they may yet turn out to be so. Some of the issues involved in the expenditure, particularly that in Kashmir and over rehabilitation measures demanded discussion for which sufficient time was not available

Preservation Of Wild Life

The Naturalist Mission, which was invited by the Government of Assam to tour the game sanctuaries in the province and to suggest ways and means for preserving wild life, has concluded its tour. Giving his impressions about the tour at Gauhati a few days ago, Dr. Dhilon Ripley, Professor of Zoology, Yale University who is a member of the Mission, expressed the view that of all the provinces of India Assam had by far the most exciting and interesting fauna. Like Assam, some other provinces and states are also noted for wild life. India's resources of fauna are rich and varied. The Gir forest of Junagadh in Saurashtra is celebrated as the home of the Indian lion. The breed of the Gir lion badly needs protection against the danger of extinction; and Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, according to a recent report, has instructed the Junagadh administration to prohibit 'shikar' in Gir. Likewise Bombay's Premier Mr. B. G Kher was reported to have issued orders on the spot prohibiting indiscriminate killing of wild animals in the Dandeli forest in North Kanara, when he visited the site of the natural park in the district in last February.

A Balanced View

The instructions and orders issued by responsible officials are significant of the fact that freedom has awakened the country's interest in its wealth of fauna. The fauna of every country is regarded as a part of its national wealth; and as such, it is entitled to as much protection as is extended to the forest and mineral wealth. As for Assam, Dr. Salim Ali, Secretary of the Bombay Natural History Society and the head of the Mission, has suggested the creation of a separate branch in the forest Department to look after the conservation of wild life. Prohibition of 'shikar' should be the first step towards preservation, and the second should be an exhaustive survey. Preservation has so far been left to the discretion of the Governments of provinces and states, but it now needs to be governed and guided by a uniform policy so that whatever of wild life has survived indifference on the part of the Government during the previous regime can be properly studied and protected. It is, of course, assumed that while wild species should be preserved in game sanctuaries wild animals in other parts of a forest should be prevented by all possible means from destroying men, cattle or crops in their neighbourhood.

Unauthorised Expenditure

More important was the objection that the actual expenditure in 1948-49 was too far above the estimated one, even making allowance for the unexpected nature of some of the items As soon as the actual expenditure tended to go beyond the estimate, the Standing Finance Committee should have been informed. Measures have to be devised to prevent the recurrence of excessive disparity between estimates and actuals. As suggested by Mr. Anantasayanam Ayyangar, a special sub-committee of the Finance Committee may be appointed to specialise in the scrutiny of the Defence expenditure. It was also rightly objected that the Auditor-General had no right to sanction unauthorised expenditure at his discretion. It is no answer to this objection that a large part of the amounts specified in the supplementary demands has not yet been paid. As the speaker pointed out, here is a question of principle that even a rupee is not to be spent without the sanction of the House. Dr. Matthai frankly admitted that in the present case Government anticipated the sanction of the House. The sanction for expenditure above the Budget estimate should have been sought earlier. At least the Standing Finance Committee should have been informed of the additional expenditure. The House would then be in a better position to judge the necessity of the expenditure. As it was, the House had hardly time to consider the numerous items of expenditure involved in the supplementary demands. It was also embarrassing for the House to be confronted with the settled fact of huge expenditure without any previous non-official scrutiny. It is to be hoped that Dr. Matthai will soon act up to his promise to devise some procedure which will make it possible for the House to keep a better hold on expenditure of an unauthorised character.

OUR READERS' VIEWS

'Saurashtra Budget'

Sir,—The Finance Minister of Saurashtra has announced the Budget on March 30, 1949. The new Budget will have immediate effect from 1st April 1949 and as regards introduction of Income Tax, Super Tax and Corporation Tax will have retrospective effect from April 1, 1948. The new taxes have been enforced by issuing ordinances. The United State of Saurashtra came into existence from April 15, 1948, while the taxes will be collected from April 1, 1948.

It is always the usual procedure to discuss the Budget in the Assembly and it must be sanctioned by the House. The Legislative Assembly of Saurashtra is already in existence and the Budget should have been completely discussed by members. Only in rare and exceptional circumstances, ordinances are issued in real Democracy. With the dawn of the day, the new ordinance is issued in Saurashtra. Is this the fruit of real Democracy? The Rulers of Saurashtra never passed any rule or ordinance which had retrospective effect while the present Ministry do so. The people of Saurashtra and the members of the Constituent Assembly should rise to the occasion and see the dream of Mahatma Gandhi's is fulfilled.

If this is the rule of present Saurashtra, is it not desirable to merge with Bombay where the rule of law and order prevail?—Yours, etc.

VASANT L. MEHTA.

Rajkot.

Firestone Strike

Sir,—In this morning's issue of your paper you have published a statement issued by Mr. Abid Ali, President, I.N.T.U.C. Bombay, advising the 1200 workers of the Firestone who are on strike from the January 21 to give up the strike. He states that the Communist elemen has been obviously instigating the workers to continue the strike. Why does not Mr. Abid Ali request Government to refer the dispute for adjudication for, according to the Industrial Disputes Act, if a dispute cannot be settled by any other means Government can enforce adjudication which our popular Government has failed to do and is also responsible in adding to the miseries of the 1200 workers and their dependents. The workers did refer the case to Government which fact can be proved by enquiring with Mr. Ram, the Deputy Director of Labour.

If Government wish to penalise the workers for affiliating their Union with the Communist party and not with the INTUC. let them in future, cancel Government recognition of such Unions.

A full statement on Government's attitude is urgently needed. Will the Director of Information please issue one at an early date?

L. GOES

All Religions Conference

Sir,—May the public know for whom the All Religions Conference is meant! For, from the list of signatories it appears that it is confined to a certain section—looked at from economic angle — and to members of one community — looked at from the religious angle. Some swallows in both the cases do not unmake the summer here.

It seems the appeal of the Prime Minister to the capitalists to make Prayaschit has gone home. It is a heartening sign for the country that they have awakened in terms of religion and morality. May the contagion spread to all the sections of the people, so that next year we may witness a conference of all religions where men of all the religions and all the sections may both invite and participate in it.—Yours, etc.,

S. M. NEKSATKHAN

Lost Chances

Sir,—About nine months back a post of Superintendent Police (Wireless) was advertised by the Bihar and Orissa Joint Public Service Commission in the "Hindustan Times" and I the same day demanded the prescribed form from the said Commission. But the form was sent to me after fifteen days on the expiry of the last date.

On February 1, 1949 another post of Maintenance Engineer was advertised by the same Commission and I sent an A.D. Registered letter for supplying me the prescribed form. The acknowledgement was delivered to me on the 9th and the form was awaited upto February 20 as the last date for submitting the application was February 28. At last on February 21 I sent a reminder by Air. But I could neither get the form so far nor any reply thereto though I was 99 per cent sure to be selected due to my holding a similar Government post in Pakistan. Will the Commission see where the fault lies?—Yours, etc.,

S. C. JAIN.

Muzaffarnagar.

E. PUNJAB CAPITAL

No Official Request For Loan

NEW DELHI, April 1 (API): No official request has so far been received from the East Punjab Government for a loan for the purpose of constructing the new capital for East Punjab.

Announcing this, Dr. John Matthai, Finance Minister, in reply to Mr. R. K. Sidhva in Parliament today, said that the question of the construction of the new capital had been discussed with the East Punjab Government a number of times.

The Provincial Government had been asked to go ahead with the preliminary measures and they had been told that the extent of central assistance would be considered "at the proper time."

Dr. Matthai said the Government of India had no information to the effect that pending construction of the new capital the East Punjab Government had planned to build the entire secretariat and other buildings at a cost of nearly eighty lakhs of rupees.

Pakistan Delegation For Delhi Conference

KARACHI, April 1 (API): The Pakistan Delegation to the New Delhi Inter-Dominion Conference left by air this morning for Lahore en-route to Delhi.

Pakistan's Finance Minister, Mr. Ghulam Mohammed, leads the delegation.

Allahabad—Calcutta—Delhi Air Link

ALLAHABAD, April 1. (API)—Allahabad will be linked up with Calcutta and Delhi by a daily air service operated by Bharat Airways from April 3

Jajasar Reclamation Project

(From Our Correspondent)

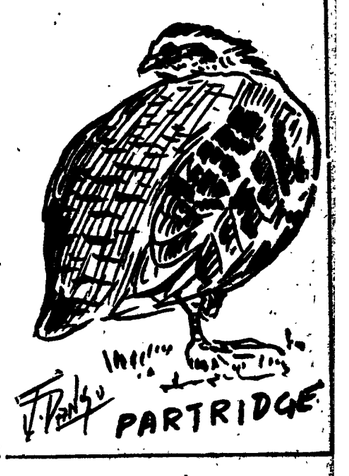
RAJKOT, April 1.

The Saurashtra Government have sanctioned the construction of Jajasar reclamation project in Malia Mahal, Central Saurashtra District at an estimated cost of Rs. 2,21,500.

SCOPEN ALTE

It is most disconcerting, when out for a morning walk, to have a bird fly up almost from under one's feet! This happened to me the other day in Talegaon, and the bird in question was a partridge. The partridge spends its life on the ground, and its mottled brownish plumage renders it so inconspicuous that one may pass within a very short distance of it without realising that it is there at all. In fact I expect we often do, for the partridge depends mainly on its protective colouration for its safety, and moves only when it is actually in danger of being stepped on, when it rises with a loud whirr of wings and flies rapidly off to another cover not far away. The partridge makes its nest on the ground, lining a shallow depression hidden away under a bush or in a field of standing crops, with fine grass. The eggs, about four to eight in number, are cream or coffee-coloured, and are not easy to see among the surrounding grass. The chicks, like domestic chickens, are covered with down when they hatch from the eggs, and are able to run about and peck up their food from the ground immediately.

D. R.



Firestone Strike Typical Of Communist Activity

The Communist Party policy of disrupting production, creating dissatisfaction and attempting to undermine Governmental authority and law and order, is clearly exemplified in the strike which has now been going on at the Firestone Tyre Company's plant for ten weeks.

The Firestone Rubber Worker's Union was formed under the auspices of the Communist Party some three years ago, and after conducting a two-months unsuccessful strike during December 1946 and January 1947, the working of this Industrial Plant was repeatedly disrupted through sitdowns, slowdowns, work stoppages, lightning strikes and other familiar Communist tactics during the last two years.

On September 28th, 1948, a series of very unreasonable demands were presented, the main points of which were:

Bonus equivalent to six months' pay and dearness allowance,
Increases—50% increase in all wages and salaries,
Leave—104 days per year with full pay and dearness allowances;
Transport—Transport to and from work for all employees,
Benefits—50% increase in the existing Provident Fund as well as the introduction of a gratuity scheme.

Even though the demands presented were of an unreasonable nature, the Management of Firestone nevertheless spent three months negotiating with the Union Committee, during which time Management repeatedly suggested that, in fairness to both parties, the demands should be submitted to Government's adjudication. This offer, however, was refused, and conciliation proceedings with a Government-appointed Conciliator were instituted. During these proceedings, which were likewise fruitless, the Government of Bombay also recommended to the Union that their demands be referred to adjudication as, on every point, the Union, bent on creating trouble, refused to modify the demands in any way.

Following the failure of the conciliation proceedings, the Firestone workers were taken out on strike on the 21st of January, although actual production had been brought to almost a complete standstill ten days earlier by sitdown and slowdown tactics.

During the entire period of negotiation and conciliation, the workers were incited to make attempts at sabotage and actual physical violence took place through the throwing pieces of hard rubber, metal and stones at the supervisory staff and the Plant Security Officer.

During the period of the present strike, there have been numerous cases of intimidation and actual, assault on various members of the Firestone Company's supervisory staff, in complete defiance of law and order, and various groups of Firestone workmen who have indicated their willingness to resume their duties have been threatened with severe bodily harm to both themselves and their families.

That the strike was instigated chiefly to curtail production and is completely unjustified is evidenced by the actual conditions of work which exist in the Firestone plant. Employees who work only 7½ hours per day comparatively very well paid, the average wage with dearness allowance for all workers, including sweepers and cleaners, being Rs 148 3 - per month. Additionally, employees have the benefit of a Provident Fund, Co-operative Credit Society a comprehensive Sports programme and a leave programme considerably in excess of that required by law. Further, a two-months' regular bonus has been paid each year since 1942 and on Independence Day, 1947, Management granted an additional month's bonus in recognition of the momentous occasion.

By calling the workers out on what appears to be a completely unjustified strike, the Communist leaders of the Firestone Rubber Workers' Union have succeeded in stopping production of several million pounds of tyres and tubes and other products, as well as causing 1,200 Firestone workers to lose 65 days' pay and allowance—a typical example of Communist policy and tactics.

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THT PARLE-ANDHERI Ward Rationing Office at Andheri and the Sub-Office at Vile-Parle will remain closed on Sunday the 3rd April 1949, on account of Municipal General Elections of the Parle-Andheri Municipal Borough.

Both the Offices will, however, remain open on Monday the 4th April 1949.

INTEGRATION OF COCHIN & TRAVANCORE

Delegations Inform Sardar About Their Decision

FIRST STEP TOWARDS FORMATION OF AIYKYA KERALA

NEW DELHI, April 1 (A.P.I.): The Travancore and Cochin Governments today informed Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Minister of States, that they have decided in favour of the integration of the two States.

MEETING WITH SARDAR

The Prime Minister of Tranvancore Mr T K. Narayana Pillai and the Prime Minister of Cochin, Mr. Ikanda Varrier led their respective delegations to the joint meeting with Sardar Patel which lasted for 30 minutes. Mr. V P Menon, Adviser to the State's Ministry was also present.

The decision to integrate is not only claimed to have been taken by the respective Governments but it is said to have been ratified by the two Regional Congress Committees and Parliamentary Parties. Following the communication of their formal decision to integrate, the delegatons feel that the next step now lies with the States Ministry, who will have to indicate the future programme, particularly the date for the inauguration, the administrative set up and the composition of Legislative bodies. These matters are likely to be discussed in the next two or three days. Today's talk is said to have been formal in character, confined mainly to the communication of the decisions.

FIRST STEP TOWARDS AIYKYA KERALA

It is considered among the members of the two delegations that the integration is "the first step towards the formation of an Aiykya Kerala Province to include the Malabar District of Madras Presidency".

There was general satisfaction noticeable among the members of both delegations.

DELEGATIONS

The delegation from Travancore includes besides the Prime Minister, A. J John, Finance Minister, Mr. V C Marko, Food Minister, Mr C Kesavan, President of Travancore Dist. Congress Committee, Mr. T. M. Verguese, President of the Parliamentary Board. Mr. Gangadhara Menon Attorney-General and Mr. C. Narayana Pillai, Secretary Parliamentary Board.

The delegates from Cochin include Mr. Ikanda Varrier, Prime-Minister, Mr Govinda Menon, Finance Minister, Mr. C Ouseph, Minister for Education, Mr. K. Ayyappan, Minister of Food, and Mr Nilakanta Iyer, President of the Cochin District Congress Committee.

OPPOSITION

Opposition to the move for the integration has so far been expressed here by some representatives of the Tamil District of Travancore and a few retired officials of Travancore. Mr Nathaniel and Mr. Thanu Pillai, who are also now here representing the Tamil area of Travancore are canvassing support for the amalgamation of the Tamil area with the Madras Province. The other group is opposed to the merger of Travancore either with Cochin or with Madras.

The two States cover an area of 9,000 square miles and have a total population of eight million their revenue according to the present calculations will be about Rs. 14 crores.

Sailing Vessels' Committee Concludes Visits

BOMBAY, April 1 (API): The five-man Sailing Vessels Committee appointed by the Government of India's Commerce Ministry in July last year has concluded its visits to nearly 18 maritime centres of east and west coasts of India and is expected to submit its report in the next fortnight.

The Committee, which was set up to report on the steps necessary to utilize to the fullest extent the sailing vessels of the country in developing the national economy, commenced its sittings in Bombay early in November last and concluded its deliberations in March 25. Surat was the last centre where the Committee examined witnesses.

During its five months tour of coasts, the Committee examined over 230 witnesses including the Commerce Minister of Saurashtra, Mr. Manubhai Shah and Premier of Orissa, Mr. Harikrishna Mehtab.

Stop Press

PARTIAL RECOGNITION TO SPAIN?

LAKE SUCCESS, April 1 (PTI-Reuter): The United Nations General Assembly is expected by observers here to give partial recognition to Spain at next week's resumed session, though not without some bitter debates.

HIGH COURT'S "NO" TO CONVICT APPELLANTS

SIMLA April 1 (UPI): The East Punjab High Court today rejected the applications of five convict appellants of Mahatma Gandhi murder case for their personal appearance in the High Court at the time of hearing of their appeal to instruct their counsel and for engaging counsel of their own choice at Government expense. Applicants included Narayan Apte, Madanlal Pahwa, Vishnu Karkare, Gopal Godse and Dr. Parchure.

FLIGHT RADIO OFFICERS ON STRIKE

LONDON, April 1 (PTI-Reuter):—Pan-American World Airway's flights from London to Calcutta and New York were delayed tonight and inward flights were not expected to arrive as a result of a strike by the airline's flight radio officers here.

REFERENDUM IN CHANDERNAGORE

French Government To Observe Neutrality

CHANDERNAGORE, April 1 (API): The French Government would observe strict neutrality in all affairs concerning the proposed referendum in Chandernagore on the future of the territory, said the acting Commission of French India, M. Camouilly, who arrived here from Pondicherry last evening. He was accompanied by the Inspector-General of Overseas Territories, M. Tezenus Du Montcel.

They were received at Dum Dum aerodrome by the President of the Chandernagore Municapal Assembly, Mr. Deben Dash, the acting administrator, M Goumain.

M Camouilly and M Montcel met representatives of different political parties today. They will be present at the meeting of the Municipal Assembly tomorrow when the date and method of the referendum in Chandernagore will be fixed.

52 Hyderabad "Reds" Arrested

HYDERABAD (Dn.) April 1 (API): Reports reaching Hyderabad from Warangal show that the police and the military have arrested 52 Communists, including Chintala Ramakrishna Reddi described as a "top ranker", Pallvendla Raghupathi Rao and Nagabhushana Rao who was recently reported to have escaped from the Warangal Central Jail.

TEXTILE INDUSTRY IN C.P.

Demand For Enquiry Into Production Bottlenecks

NAGPUR, April 1 (API): The Standing Committee on Textile industry at its meeting here yesterday recommended the setting up of an Experts Committee to examine the bottlenecks of production of cloth textile mills in the Province and suggest methods to improve production. Pandit Ravi Shanker Shukla, Premier, presided.

Pandit Shukla said that the mill managements had complained to him that the uniform rate of dearness allowance of Rs. 1 as 12 per day to a textile worker irrespective of the amount of work put in by him, was one of the causes for the fall in cloth production in mills. Millowners, he added, had suggested that the dearness allowance rate should be reconsidered and if possible, be regulated by the output of work by a textile worker.

"TILL CALWELL DO US PART"!

CANBERRA, April 1 (PTI-Reuter) Australia's decision to deny admission to Sergeant Lorenzo Gamboa, Filipino American army sergeant and husband of an Australian woman, is "final," Mr. Joseph Chifley, the Prime Minister told reporters today.

Repeated requests had been made to allow the Sergeant, serving with the United States forces in Tokyo, to visit his wife and children. The Australian Immigration Minister, Mr. Arthur Calwell, while insisting that the Australian Law against permanent coloured immigrants should be enforced, offered Mrs. Gamboa a free one way passage to the United States with her children.

Mrs. Gamboa had remarked that the marriage lines should be altered to: "Till calwell do us part."

Madhyabharat Dy. Premier To Be Prosecuted

GWALIOR, April 1, (A. P. I.): Mr. V. S. Khode, Deputy Premier and Home Minister of Madhya Bharat, has been issued a notice to show cause why he should not be prosecuted for ordering the release of one out of four undertrial prisoners who had been prosecuted.

39 R.S.S. prisoners Released

BHATINDA, April 1, (A. P. I.): Thirty-nine R. S. S. prisoners have been released from the Faridkot districts jail. There are now 46 R. S. S. prisoners in the jail.

Drivers' Day

The following programme has been arranged by the Bombay Private Motor Drivers' Union to observe Sunday, the 3rd April as "Drivers Day". Programme: 1. 8-30 a.m.: "Flag Salutation" at Chowpatty near Tilak Statute. 2. 9 a.m.: Procession from Chowpatty to Azad Maidan Via Sandhurst Road, Bhendi Bazar, Pydhoni, Kalbadevi Road. 3 12 a.m.: Public Meeting at Azad Maidan. Sjt. P. K. Sawant, B.A., LL.B., M. L. A will preside. Sjt Purshottam Thakkar Secretary B. P. C. C., Sjt. Baburao More, Sjt. Pishoriial will address.

Why Monstrous Powers For Religious Heads?

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the spiritual head. But if he is the temporal head also, I do not know what the Government is meant for", he said.

It was alright for a spiritual head to withhold his blessings. But he could not forbid the wells of the community, nor the mosque, temple or church of such a community, nor could he withhold financial assistance from the amounts collected from the community, nor pass a directive that nobody shall associate with an ex-communicated person. The power to punish belonged to the State, and no private person could arrogate to himself such rights.

NO SOCIAL PROGRESS

When individuals enjoyed such extraordinary rights, there could be no social progress beyond a certain stage.

"Why can't this be called treason", asked the Home Minister reading out certain parts of the covenant and solemn oath administered by the Mullaji Saheb of the Dawoodi Bohras to believing "males and females", when he came to the sentence in the oath which says:

"You shall war against him, against whom the DAEE makes war".

The other parts of the oath which he read were:

"You shall love him whom the Daee loves; you shall be enemy to him to whom the Daee is hostile. Any one transgressing these, is outside the religion. You shall not have any intercourse with him. You shall not correspond with him openly or secretly. You shall not do any act caluculated to be friendly to him. The enemy of the Daee is your enemy."

"You shall attend on the summon of the Daee to make religious war. You shall render perfect obedience with your property and life. The master of your life is the Daee or the Imam of the time."

PENALTY FOR DEFIANCE

If a person taking the oath breaks it, all his possessions, i.e. cash, movables, housing utensils, jewels, armaments, carriages, horses, buffalloes, cows, calves males and females and all worldly materials become unlawful to him."

"All his property is liable to be looted and distributed among the poor and the needy."

"And if the breaker of the covenant has a wife, that wife becomes forbidden to him."

"The breach has the effect of three Talaks" (divorce) against the wife. The woman can never marry him again."

The Mullaji Saheb had even the right, according to the oath to punish offenders and to loot their property including their womenfolk, said the Home Minister.

The Minister said that no government could allow such powers. The right to "loot property" went against the very law of the land, and against all the provisions of the Penal Code. This was nothing less than open defiance of the authority of the State.

REVOLUTIONARY CHANGES

Mr. Morarji Desai said that the Bill which was a simple one would make revolutionary changes in the ideas of people and in the treatment they received. It guaranteed protection to persons who were at the mercy of certain individuals and who were not allowed to live according to their conscience.

Referring to the criticism of the leaders of the opposition, the Home Minister said that if he had not made up his mind about the Bill during the six months when it had been circulated for eliciting opinion, he would not make up his mind even in six years. It only meant that he did not want the Bill to be put on the Statute book.

The Bill was referred to the Select Committee.

The Bombay Hindu Divorce (amendment) Bill, the Bombay Court of Wards (amendment) Bill, the Bombay Co-operative Societies (amendment) Bill and the Bombay Shops and Establishments (amendment) Bill were all passed without evoking any discussion.

The first Bill gives an opportunity to the person cited as an adulteror or adulteress in a divorce suit, to defend his or her honour by being included in the suit. The second Bill empowers the Court of Wards to sell as much as one-tird of the property of the ward, when deemed necessary. The last of the batch, framed to amend the reference to the Factories' Act of 1934, as they would be inconsistent with the coming into force of the Factories Act of 1948.

EVACUEES' PROPERTIES

Mr. B. G. Kher, Premier, moved a Bill to provide for the administration of the evacuees' properties in the Province.

Mr. Kher said that due to civil disturbances and partition several persons had left the country leaving behind, their property and business without management. Similarly some persons, not resident in the province, could not personally occupy or supervise their properties or carry on their business due to such disturbances. The Bill was an attempt to provide for the management, preservation and supervision of such properties.

The Bill provided for the appointment of a custodian, in whom would be vested all evacuee properties in the province.

Mr. Kher said that except in Kolaba and Godhra district, the province as a whole was free from mass evacuation. The Godvernment had passed orders to the District Collectors asking them to write to those who had left, to return and settle down again, as the place were now free from danger.

The Premier said that the Government of India was also trying to enact similar legislation. Till then, however, it was necessary to have a Bill of this type.

The Bill was passed by the House.

Mr. Morarji Desai introduced a Bill to abolish the Bhadgari and Narwadari tenures in the Province.

EARLY INDO-PAKISTAN TRUCE LIKELY

Kashmir Commission Denies Reported "Deadlock"

NEW DELHI, April 1 (API): truce agreement between India and Pakistan over Jammu and Kashmir is expected to be concluded at an early date, according to sources close to the U N Commission for India and Pakistan.

The Commission today characterised the reported "deadlock" or "set back" in the truce talks as "without foundation".

It was stated that on the basis of discussions, so far held over the truce agreement, there was "ground for compromise and final agreement between the two Governments".

The truce proposals of India and Pakistan which are now being considered by the Truce Sub-Committee and the Commission's Military Adviser Gen Delvoie, differ mainly on the status of "Azad Kashmir" and the so-called "Azad Kashmir Forces" but the Commission is optimistic of an agreed formula as both the Governments have pledged to an early and peaceful settlement.

The Commission may hold joint discussions with Indian and Pakistan representatives when Pakistan's reactions to India's truce proposals are available. The Truce Sub-Committee will discuss India's truce proposals with Pakistan representatives some time next week at Rawalpindi.

MORE RICE ALLOCATION

The Government of India have, it is understood allocated an additional 5,000 tons of rice to Jammu and Kashmir State. Kashmir is normally surplus in rice, but the crop last year was damaged by floods. Besides, more rice is needed for rehabilitating the refugee population in the liberated areas of Mendhar, Poonch and Rajaori.

The Central Government's allocations to the Jammu and Kashmir State now total 18,000 tons of wheat 10,000 tons of rice and 3,500 tons of maize.

INDIAN TROOPS ASSIST IN REHABILITATION

JAMMU, March 31 (API): During the last three winter, months following the cease-fire Indian troops in Kashmir Valley assisted the civil Government in rehabilitating nearly 6,000 displaced Kashmiris.

Besides helping the civil Government in the rehabilitating refugees Indian troops are also assisting them in distributing essential supplies to civilian population in different areas of Kashmir Valley cut off by snow.

IN BABAMULLAH RECENTLY MAJ.-GEN. THIMAYYA, GENERAL OFFICER-COMMANDING INDIAN TROOPS IN KASHMIR VALLEY WADED THROUGH ANKLE DEEP SNOW AND PERSONALLY DISTRIBUTED KEROSENE OIL AND SALT TO VILLAGERS IN THE AREA.

BURMESE FORCES RECAPTURE WETWUN

Inflict Heavy Casualties On Karen Stronghold

RANGOON, April 1 (PTI-Reuter): An official Burma spokesman announced today that no insurgent group included in last month's Government Amnesty offer had responded by last night's midnight deadline.

The offer was particularly aimed at the fighting Karen and Mons hill tribesmen and army mutineers.

It was officially learned that Bo Kin Zaw, former Members of Parliament, headed the Administration set up by "White Band" Peoples Volunteer Organisation at Prome, important communications centre 160 miles north-west of Rangoon.

He has dismissed civil servants in the area because of "lack of funds in the treasury".

Burmese forces on the offensive in the Mandalay area today recaptured Wetwun, Karen stronghold five miles from the hill station of Maymyo, it was stated here.

Burmese Government aircraft scored direct hits and inflicted heavy casualties last night in a bombing raid on the Karen stronghold of Tazi, 100 miles of Mandalay.

An official spokesman said today that negotiations were expected to begin shortly between Mr. Thakin Nu and Bo Po Kun, President of the "White Band" insurgent followers of the Peoples Volunteer Organisation, to settle outstanding differences.

Mr Reginald Bowker, British Ambassador today denied a Karachi press report that some conservatives in Britain were directly feeding the Karen revolt with arms and ammunition.

REVISED PRICES OF CLOTH AND YARN

NEW DELHI, April 1 (API): The revised ex-mill prices of cloth and yarn, which came into effect today, are based on the prices of cotton, prevailing in the first week of March, an official spokesman stated here. The prices fixed in January, last were based on the cotton prices prevailing in December 1948.

It is stated that in view of the increase in cotton prices the cloth prices have had to be raised by three to five per cent and correspondingly the prices of yarn have also been revised. The rise is three per cent for all medium and fine and some coarse and superfine varieties of cloth; four per cent for some coarse varieties of cloth and five per cent for some superfine cloth.

The rise in the price of yarn is slightly higher than the rise in cloth prices, as the price of cotton is a larger and more important factor in yarn prices than it is in the prices of cloth.

The spinning and weaving charges and all other factors in cloth and yarn prices remain unaltered and are the same as the charges fixed in January last in accordance with the recommendations of the Tariff Board.

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KEROSENE QUANTUM FOR APRIL 1949.

The value of Kerosene Units on various Ration Documents for the month of April 1949 has been fixed, as shown below:—

	Per Unit.	Per Ration Document.
K(L) Card (Lighting Purposes).	1 gallon	—
K(L) Business Card (Lighting Purposes).	—	2 gallons
K(H) Card (Non-Lighting Purposes).	2 gallons	—
K(H) Permit (Non-Lighting Purposes).	—	5 gallons.

DARING ATTACK IN RANGOON

Shots Fired At Police Station: Six People Injured

RANGOON, April 1 (PTI-Reuter): Four policemen and two civilians were injured when unknown men threw handgrenades and fired automatic weapons into the Kemmendine police station in Western Rangoon last night.

The attackers escaped before police reinforcements reached the scene.

UNIFORMED MEN DECAMP WITH MONEY

Three uniformed men with sten guns yesterday seized the British-owned Burmah Oil Company's fortnightly payroll of Rs. 51,000 as it was being taken by launch from Rangoon to the refineries.

The Company's headquarters said today that the gunmen boarded a motor launch carrying the money to Syriam, across the river from Rangoon.

As the launch neared Syriam they overpowered the paymaster, Mr. T. Mortley and his armed escorts and snatched the canvas bag with the money. At Syriam they landed and drove off in the Company's van waiting for the payroll.

India Government To Buy Mayurbhanj Railway

NEW DELHI, April 1, (U. P. I.): The Government of India have decided to purchase the Mayurbhanj Railway, on April 1, 1950, says a press note. A notice has accordingly been served on the Mayurbhanj Railway Company—the present owners.

The Mayurbhanj Railway, a narrow gauge line about 70 miles long from Rupsa to Talband, is now being worked by the Bengal Nagpur Railway.

People IN THE NEWS

GOVERNMENT HOUSE NEWS

BOMBAY, April 1.

The Governor of Bombay received the Hon'ble Premier, Mr. Dhirajlal Desai and the Hon. Mr. Debiden, M.L.C. of British Guiana.

Rani Maharaj Singh received Mr W. B. Bryden.

The Governor and Rani Maharaj Singh dined with Major General and Mrs. D. S. Brar.

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V. K. KRISHNA MENON

NEW DELHI, April 1. (API)—Mr. V. K. Krishna Menon, Indian High Commissioner in London has arrived in Delhi. He met the Prime Minister Pandit Nehru and the Secretary General Sir Girja Shankar Bajpai. Mr. Krishna Menon is believed to be on a routine visit to India and will return to London after a week.

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RAMA RAU IN CITY

BOMBAY, April 1. (API)—Sir Benegal Ram Rau, lately Indian Ambassador in Washington and Governor-Designate of the Reserve Bank of India, arrived in Bombay from London by air tonight.

Mr. J. R. D. Tata, Chairman of the Air India International, also arrived in Bombay by the same plane after an eight-week tour of Britain, France, Switzerland and Belgium.

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GORDON-WALKER MEETS NEHRU

NEW DELHI, April 1. (API)—Mr. Patrick Gordon Walker, the U. K. Government envoy, had his third and final meeting with the Prime Minister, Pandit Nehru, today. He also met the Deputy Prime Minister, Sardar Patel, and the Secretary-General of the External Affairs Ministry, Sir Girja Shankar Bajpai, today.

Mr. Gordon-Walker expects to leave fo London tomorrow.

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DR. M. D. D. GILDER

Dr. M. D. D. Gilder, Minister for Health and Public Works, will leave Bombay for Ahmedabad on Sunday, April 3, and return on Tuesday, April 5.

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ETHEL MANNIN

BANGALORE, April 1. Ethel Mannin, the noted English author and her daughter, Jean Porteous, arrived here this morning after two days' stay in Madras. They were leaving this evening for Mysore city to spend a day or two there.

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BIHAR PREMIER

PATNA, April 1, (API)—Dr. Sri Krishna Sinha, Premier of Bihar, left for Muzaffarpur today to preside over the sixth session of the Bihar Political Conference which commences tomorrow.

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DUKE OF WINDSOR

LONDON, April 1. (PTI-Reuter)—The Duke of Windsor is to come to London from France next week for a short visit, it was learned here today.

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C. R. FOR DELHI

AMBALA, April 1. (UPI)—The Governor-General of India, Chakravarti Rajagopalachari left for New Delhi by air this evening.

Radio Interview On Air Today

NEW DELHI, April 1 (U. P. I.): A radio interview with the officers connected with the jet-propelled vampire demonstrations, now on tour of India, will be broadcast from A. I. R. Delhi, at 8-45 p.m., on April 2.

CUT OUT R AND KEEP

REVISED RATION QUANTUM

Foodgrains ration quantum for the 14th Rationing Week commencing from Sunday, April 3rd, 1949 to Saturday, 9th April, 1949 has been fixed as follows:—

Total Cereal Ration per Week	Per Adult (2 Foodgrains Units).	Per Child (1 Foodgrains Unit.)	Per Heavy Manual Labourer's Supplementary Ration Card of One Unit.
Total Cereal Ration Per Week	3.1/8 seers=84 ozs	1.9/16 seers=42 ozs.	1 seer=27 ozs.
Maximum available in Rice Of which	1 seer=27 ozs.	1/2 seer=13 ozs.	1/4 seer=7 ozs.
(1) Maximum available in Rice Sort 1-A	1 seer=27 ozs.	1/2 seer=13 ozs.	1/4 seer=7 ozs.
(2) Maximum available in Rice Sort 1-C	1 seer=27 ozs.	1/2 seer=13 ozs.	1/4 seer=7 ozs.
(3) Maximum available in Boiled Rice Sort-I	1 seer=27 ozs.	1/2 seer=13 ozs.	1/4 seer=7 ozs.
(4) Maximum available in Boiled Rice Sort II	1 seer=27 ozs.	1/2 seer=13 ozs.	1/4 seer=7 ozs.
(5) Maximum available in Raw Rice Sort II	1/2 seer=14 ozs.	1/4 seer=7 ozs.	1/4 seer=7 ozs.
Maximum available in Wheatgrain*	1.1/2 seers=41 ozs.	3/4 seer=21 ozs.	1/2 seer=13 ozs.
Maximum available in Milo	5/8 seer=16 ozs.	5/16 seer=8 ozs.	1/4 seer=7 ozs.
Maximum available in Dehusked Barley	5/8 seer=16 ozs.	5/16 seer=8 ozs.	1/4 seer=7 ozs.

*One seer of wheat ration is equivalent to one unit of Bread and one unit of Bread is equivalent to 28 ozs. of Bread.

Bread Tickets can be obtained within the permissible quantity of wheat ration at the rate of one Bread Unit per seer of wheat ration.

Bread is only available on Bread Tickets during the week marked on the tickets and upto Saturday of the following week.

NOTE:—In addition to the Government Grain Shops in 'A', 'B', 'C' and 'D' Wards it has been decided to start sales of rationed foodgrains by weight instead of by measure at all the following Government Grain Shops in 'E' (East) and 'E' (West) Wards from 3rd April 1949.

Ward from 27th March 1949:—

'E' (East) Ward—Govt. Grain Shops—Nos. 23, 39, 53, 67, 85, 110, 128, 145, 148 and 170.

'E' (West) Ward—Govt. Grain Shops—Nos. 15, 19, 31, 51, 66, 69, 71, 165, 115, 125, 139, 179, 186, 221, 222 and 241.

The ounce equivalents of the maximum proportions of foodgrains fixed in terms of seers of cut measure have been given in the above quantum table.

PLEASE NOTE:—16 ozs. is equal to 1 lb.

The actual prices to be charged are put up in these Government Grain Shops for ready reference of the cardholders and the prices would be charged according to these tables.

CHURCHILL WORRIED OVER INDIA'S FUTURE

"She Must Not Be Allowed To Follow China's Path"

WARNING AGAINST "WICKED FOURTEEN OF KREMLIN"

BOSTON (MASSACHUSETTS), MARCH 31 (P.T.I.-REUTER): MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL, BRITAIN'S WAR-TIME LEADER, DECLARED HERE TONIGHT, "IT IS CERTAIN THAT EUROPE WOULD HAVE BEEN COMMUNIZED AND LONDON UNDER BOMBARDMENT SOMETIME AGO BUT FOR THE DETERRENT OF THE ATOMIC BOMB IN THE HANDS OF THE UNITED STATES".

Mr. Churchill who was addressing the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, said the United Nations "has so far been rent and distracted by the antagonism of Soviet Russia and ov the fundamental schism which has opened between Communism and the rest of mankind".

The last time Mr Churchill addressed an American audience was in March 1946; when he made his memorable "sinews of peace" the speech at Fulton, Missouri.

Speaking of "the fourteen men in the Kremlin" he declared that we were now "confronted with something quite as wicked but in some ways more formidable than Hitler".

These fourteen men, he declared, "have their hierarchy and a Church of Communist adepts, whose missionaries are in every country as a fifth column awaiting the day when they hope to be absolute masters of their fellow-countrymen and pay off old scores".

The war time premier making a reference to China, described "The collapse of China under Communist attack and intrigue" as the worst disaster since the allied victory. The absorption of China and India into the Kremlin-controlled Communist Empire, he said, "would certainly bring measureless bloodshed and misery to eight or nine hundred million people".

Referring to Germany, Mr Churchill said, the Berlin airlift has gained dearly-bought time for peace.

He paid a tribute to the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, as one who has shown himself above mere party popularity in dealing with great national issues.

Mr. Churchill said that the predominant feeling at the beginning of the century was "a sense of moving hopefully forward to brighter, broader and easier days.

"Little did we guess that what has been called the century of the common man would witness as its outstanding feature more common men killing each other with greater facilities than any other five centuries together in the history of the world."

Speaking of the "novel and dangerous facilities" placed by science in the hands of the most powerful countries, Mr. Churchill said that whether the bestowal of the gift of flight on an "immature civilisation" was a blessing or a curse had yet to be proved.

"On the whole I remain an optimist. For good or ill air mastery is today the supreme expression of military power and fleets and armies, however necessary, must accept a subordinate rank. This is a memorable milestone in the March of man."

He continued "Science bestowed immense new powers on man and at the same time created conditions which were largely beyond his comprehension and still more beyond his control.

"While he nursed the illusion of growing mastery and exalted in his new trappings, he became the sport and presently the victim of tides and currents, of whirlpools and tornadoes amid which he was far more helpless than he had been for a long time."

"The unity of the English speaking world is our present salvation because after all our victories, we are now faced by perils, both grave and near, and by problems more dire than have ever confronted Christian civilisation."

The "key of deliverance" was "the creation of a world instrument capable of at least of giving to all its members security against aggression", he added.

Churchill added: "But we must not despair and must make sure that the case of freedom is defended by all resources of combined forethought and superior science. Here lies the best hope of averting a third world struggle and a sure means of coming through it without being enslaved or destroyed.

Russia had adopted its "astounding policy". Mr. Churchill said, "because they fear the friendship of the west more than its hostility. They cannot afford to allow free and friendly intercourse to grow between the vast area they control and the civilisation of the West."

"Mr Churchill concluded "war is not inevitable. We need not abandon hope or patience. We seek nothing from Russia but goodwill and fairplay.

"If we preserve steadfastly together, and allow no appeasement of tyranny and wrongdoing in any form, it may not be our nerve or the structure of our civilisation which will break, and peace may yet be preserved."

Mr Churchill's speech was heard by one of the greatest radio audiences in history.

His words were carried by the great networks to all parts of the United States in coast to coast hook ups, and were broadcast overseas.

Television audiences over a large part of the east coast states saw and heard him.

An U. P. A. message adds: "Mr Churchill warned that India must not be allowed to follow China's path. He also warned that Communism's ability to exploit world-wide hopes, fears and grievances gave Russia a weapon that Hitler never had.

PAVING WAY FOR LONDON CONFERENCE

Listowel On Object Of His Tour

CALCUTTA, March 31 (API): Lord Listowel, British Minister of State for the Colonies, told pressmen in Calcutta today that his talks with the Prime Ministers and Defence Ministers of Australia and New Zealand had been extremely frank and friendly. They considered the result of these discussions were very satisfactory.

Lord Listowel was passing through Calcutta on his return journey to London after his visit to Australia and New Zealand. "The object of my visit", he said, "was to follow up various matters arising out of the Prime Ministers' Conference in October last and to prepare the ground for the coming Conference".

He expressed his inability to give any indication of the nature of his discussions and said that he was on his way back to report to Mr. Attlee on them.

The former Secretary of State for India spoke warmly about Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and said that India had made the most remarkable progress during the short space of time since the attainment of independence. "I think that great credit is due for this to all concerned, specially your active Prime Minister, Pt. Nehru and his colleagues".

Referring to the situation in Malaya, Lord Listowel said that he had a talk with Mr Malcolm MacDonald, U. K. Commissioner General for South East Asia in Singapore. Mr. MacDonald had told him that the position was gradually improving.

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SIXTEENTH ANNIVERSARY OF R.I.A.F.

Cadets Receive Wings From G. G.

AMBALA, April 1 (A.P.I.): Thirteen cadets of the Royal Indian Air Force received their "wings" this morning at Ambala air field from the Governor-General, Mr. C. Rajagopalachari.

Among those present at the ceremony were General K. M. Cariappa, Commander-in-Chief, Indian Army; Vice-Admiral Parry, Commander-in-Chief, Royal Indian Navy, Air Vice-Marshall Mukherjee, Acting Commander-in-Chief, Royal Indian Air Force, and Air Vice-Marshall Atcherley, C-in-C, Royal Pakistan Air Force. Air Commodore M. K. Janjua and half a dozen other Royal Pakistan Airforce officers were also present. The Governor of the East Punjab and Lady Trivedi and five members of the Indian Parliament were among the distinguished guests.

RECEIVING WINGS

The cadets who received their wings and commissions today have passed the 46th course. Since may 1941 and advanced flying school Ambala has trained 746 cadets.

The Governor-General took the Royal salute on arrival at the airfield. The wings presentation and commissioning parade was held in conjunction with the R.I.A.F.'s 16th anniversary.

Mr. Rajagopalachari advised the airmen "always to behave like gentlemen" and said "everybody in this world lives 90 per cent. in danger and 10 per cent. only in safety. You, more than others, live continually in danger and in the hands of God. Have faith in Him and all will be well at all times."

After the parade various types of R.I.A.F. aircraft including the air display lasted over an hour.

The Governor-General inspected the vampires and saw an exhibition of the weapons of the R.I.A.F.

Crocodile Caught In Net Injures Fishermen

DURGAGANJ, April 1 (A.P.I.): Three fishermen out fishing in the Riga river near here were badly injured in a tussle with a crocodile which they had accidentally caught in their net. The fishermen are now in hospital. The crocodile got away by tearing the net, after having bitten one of the fishermen and lashed at the two others with its tail.

NEEDY FILM PRODUCER CHEATED

Relieved Of Rs. 17,000 As Advance Commission On Bogus Loan

BOMBAY, Friday.

Faiyazuddin Aziz Faizi, a broker was arrested by the Bombay C.I.D. yesterday on suspicion in connection with cheating a film producer to the tune of Rs. 17,000.

It was stated that the complainant who is a film producer was badly in need of finance for producing a film. The accused approached the complainant stating that he knew a party who could furnish an advance.

Later, a contract was signed between the complainant and the financing party. Besides, the written agreement there was an oral understanding that the complainant should pay ten per cent of the total loan to the "financiers" as "royality" or "commission" in advance.

On March 24, the "financiers" passed a cheque of Rs. 1,70,000 to the complainant who gave them Rs. 17,000 as an advance commission. The complainant went to cash the cheque and to his surprise found that the financiers had only Rs. 10 to their account.

The financing party which consisted of four persons absconded.

The accused who introduced the "financiers" to the complainant, it is suspected had his hand in this cheating.

Pending further enquiries the accused was released on a bail of Rs. 15,000 by Mr. V. K. Muranjan, Presidency Magistrate, Esplanade Court today.

DONGRI BUILDING ON FIRE

2 Persons Seriously Injured

BOMBAY, Friday.

Two persons were seriously injured when a fire broke out in a three-storeyed building at Jail Road, near Kesar Baug, Dongri, Bombay, this morning. They were rescued by the Fire-Brigade and rushed to hospital where they are detained for treatment for severe burns.

The building is occupied by Muslim families and is a residential premises in the strict sense of the word.

In the room where the fire originated on the third floor, it is learnt, some petrol and other combastible substance was stored in a residential flat.

A member of the family switched on the radio for the morning's news bulletin and as the radio receiver relayed the voice of the broadcaster a tiny spark which is said to have emanated from the radio set—due to some electrical defect—ignited the combustible storage in the room. Fed by the highly inflammatory fuel, the fire, it is stated, spread rapidly and before the Fire Brigade could be summoned had almost engulfed a portion of the second floor too.

However, the fire-fighters arrived in time to prevent the blaze from spreading any further, localised it in the areas it had already affected, and then set upon the two equally gigantic tasks of extingunshing the blaze and rescuing those that were trapped.

A dozen fire-engines under the personal superviser of Bombay's Fire Brigade Chief Pradhan were on the spot and battled heroically with the mighty blaze which is said to have caused damage which runs into thousands of rupees.

RECEPTION TO RETIRING MAYOR

Mr. and Mrs. Homi J. Talyarkhan gave a tea party at the Taj Mahal Hotel, Bombay on Thursday evening at which H.E. the Governor of Bombay was the chief guest and the retiring Mayor of Bombay D r. Mascarenhas was felicitated.
Photo taken on the occasion shows: H.E. Sir Maharaj Singh, Dr. Mascarenhas, the Mayor of Bombay, Mr. and Mrs. Homi J. Talyarkhan, Lady Rama Rao and others.

HIGHER SHIPPING FARES RESENTED

B. P. C. C. To Discuss Question

Great resentment has been caused among the Konkan population in the city, particularly the working classes who come from the Kolaba and Ratnagiri District, on account of the increase in the passenger fares on steamers.

The Bombay Steam Navigation Company and other allied companies, all of which are under the control of the Scindhia's have put up notices increasing passenger fares by fifty per cent—the increases to become operative from today. The increase affects all coastal lines along the Konkan right up to Goa.

The Bombay Provincial Congress Committee, it is understood, will discuss the question at a special meeting convened for the purpose.

Meanwhile Mr. M. Harris, Secretary, Bombay Municipal Party, has sent a communication, on behalf of his party, to the Mayor of Bombay, asking him to call a special meeting of the Corporation to discuss the question.

FIVE-MAN SAILING VESSELS COMMITTEE

BOMBAY, April 1 (API): The Five-man Sailing Vessels Committee appointed by the Government of India's Commerce Ministry in July last year has concluded its visits to nearly 18 maritime centres of East and West coasts of India, and is expected to submit its report in the next fortnight. The Committee, which was set up to report on the steps necessary to utilize to the fullest extent the sailing vessels of the country in developing the national economy, commenced its sittings in Bombay early in November last and concluded its deliberations on March 25. Surat was the last centre where the Committee examined witnesses.

Timings Of Mail And Express Trains At V. T. Bombay

The revised time table came into force from 1-4-49 and the arrivals and departures of G.I.P. Railway's Mail and Express trains at and from V.T. Bombay are as shown below:

TRAINS	Arrivals H. M.
Allahabad Express	5—55
Madras Mail	7—20
Amritsar Express	8—40
Calcutta Mail via Nagpur	9—00
Deccan Queen	10—35
Poona Mail	11—45
Madras Express	13—30
Calcutta Mail via Allahabad	14—55
Punjab Mail	16—55
Nagpur Express	18—10
Poona Express	19—30
Poona Fast Passenger	22—35
	Departures.
Poona Express	8—15
Poona Fast Passenger	12—30
Madras Express	13—40
Punjab Mail	14—10
Calcutta Mail via Nagpur	16—30
Deccan Queen	17—00
Poona Mail	17—15
Calcutta Mail via Allahabad	21—00
Amritsar Express	21—25
Madras Mail	21—50
Nagpur Express	22—15
Allahabad Express	23—30

TALK ON INFLATION AT A.I.R., MADRAS

MADRAS, March 31 (A.P.I.): In a broadcast talk on inflation from the All-India Radio, Madras, Mr. T. T. Krishnamachari, member of the Constituent Assembly, said tonight.

"Control and regimentation for many years to come are inevitable if we do not have to face dextinction."

Although controls were vexatious, he added "to the extent that people develop a psychological tolerance for a controlled economy and co-operate with the administration in making their control measures a success, to that extent the country will be able to overcome its present difficulties."

Mr. Krishnamachari declared that the situation could not be met by "'ad hoc' and panicky imposition of additional indirect taxation that was the common feature of recent central and provincial budgetting."

Earlier in his talk he traced the course of inflation in the post-war years resulting in economic disequilibrium and said the increase in prices of rice or wheat was a signal for a general rise in the price of all food commodities.

FRANCO DEFENDS HIS RAJ

Spain Given Bad Treatment He Complains

MADRID, March 31, (UPA.) Generalissimo Francisco Franco vigorously defended the policies of his nationalist Government tonight and said that Spain had received a worse treatment than the countries which permitted the Germans to cross their territory during the war.

Franco spoke for 20 minutes on a nation-wide radio hook-up on the 10th anniversary of the civil war. He spoke first of the present Communist threat in Europe and said that it was a similar threat which endangered the security of Spain before and during the civil war. He said the Nationalist victory in the civil war was not a class victory as often said abroad but a victory for "Spain against anti-Spain."

Franco said that never was a nation called upon to rehabilitate itself under difficulties like those which beset Spain because the world war started there and "... Communism" is even now trying to destroy it by all propaganda means. Franco said that German armies were massed in the Pyrnees Mountains along the French Spanish frontier during the war. He emphasized that they did not enter Spain and state that the Allies themselves had admitted he helped them during the war.

Franco warned of the present danger in the cold war which, he said, was staged by the Communist Bureau of Information. It was then he made the charge that through malice of some and weakness of others Spain received a forse treatment than did the countries which let German Soldiers in.

He said that armed guerillas who are entering Spain are trying to create a situation in this country like that in Greece.

He said that the terrorists in Europe represent a programme and tactics created by one powerful country and that, therefore, it was most important to preserve unity, order and internal discipline. He did not mention Russia specifically.

He asked what would happen to many countries had they like Spain been excluded from the Marshall Plan which helped to compensate for the losses caused by strike and sabotage —U.P.A.

HYDERABAD WILL BE GOVT. OF POOR

HYDERABAD, (Dn). March 31. (A.P.I.): The President of the Hyderabad State Congress Swami Ramanand Tirth said here to-day that the real needs of the people of the state could be met only by a Government that was popular in character.

Swami Ramanand Tirth, who was addressing a meeting of 'bhangis' (sweepers and scavengers), appealed to them to join the State Congress to enable the organisation to "render greater service to the people."

Future Government of Hyderabad, he said, would not be a Government of educated people or of capitalists and jagirdars. It would be the Government of poor people like bhangis.

The State Congress President said they now had an indication of the shape of things to come in Hyderabad. They were soon to elect a constituent assembly for the State. Every person, educated or unlettered, wealthy or poor, would have equal voice in the formation of this institution to frame their future constitution.

They were for the first time having adult franchise.

That apart, said Swami Ramanand Tirth, the vast majority of the poor need have no fears from the educated and the richer classes of society. The latter in Hyderabad State formed a negligible minority.

Appealing for communal harmony Swami Ramanand Tirth said the task ahead required great sacrifices from one and all and if they really wanted the country to prosper they should sink their differences and work hand in hand.

The Hyderabad Congress had but touched the fringe of popular needs. Only a popular Government could satisfy the peoples wants. The real aim of the State Congress was to bring into being a Government that could solve the problems of the poor.

RECRUITMENT FOR HYDERABAD POLICE FORCE

HYDERABAD, April 1 (U.P.I.): Recruitment of officers to the Hyderabad state police force has been taken in hand, and to begin with 200 sub-Inspectors mostly from amongst the majority community will be appointed soon. Although mulkis will be given preference no bar is placed against outsiders applying for the posts. Arrangements for the training of candidates have been made locally.

Mr. Habib Mohomed, ex-subedar of Warangal, has been re-arrested under the Public Security Act.

He was arrested some time back on criminal charges but let off on a bail of Rs. 50,000.

PACT OF AGGRESSION AGAINST U. S. S. R.

Soviet Note On Atlantic Pact To Western Govts.

MOSCOW, April 1. (PTI-Reuter): The Soviet Union to-day accused Atlantic Pact powers of signing an openly aggressive treaty "directed against the USSR".

Britain and France were accused of violating their friendship and mutual assistance pacts with the Soviet Union by becoming signatories of the Pact.

The Pact runs counter to the United Nations charter and the Yalta and the Postdam agreements, it was claimed.

These Soviet statements were made in identical notes, delivered yesterday, to the Foreign Ministries of Britain, United States, France, the Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg and Canada, the text of which was issued by the Soviet official news agency, Tass, early to-day.

BEVIN-ACHESON PARLEYS

Discussion Of Whole Field Of Foreign Affairs

WASHINGTON, April 1 (P.T.I.-Reuter): British Foreign Minister Mr. Ernest Bevin was expected to resume with Secretary of State Dean Acheson, today talks believed to range over the whole field of Foreign Affairs.

The two Ministers, whose two-hour talks last night concerned the problems of Western Germany and Greece, are likely to give early attention to European problems directly linked to Atlantic regional defence, according to observers here.

They will presumably exchange views too on questions to come before the Atlantic Pact Foreign Ministers at their meeting here tomorrow and later on.

Increasing opposition in the United States Congress to the North Atlantic Pact and to the expensive military programme proposed to give it "teeth" is meanwhile causing some concern to Atlantic Power diplomats here.

If the question remained a purely foreign policy issue, ratification and backing up of the Atlantic Treaty would undoubtedly have a smooth passage in the senate, where it requires a full two-thirds majority.

But the whole subject has become involved in domestic issues. One threat comes from the fear that the strain of organising vast military and economic aid programmes would weaken the general United States economic position and tend to bring on another depression.

Most of the Foreign Ministers who will sign the Pact at Monday's historic ceremony in the small State Department auditorium are now in Washington.

M. Robert Schuman (France) arrived at New York by air last night.

Mr. Lester Pearson, Canadian External Affairs Minister, was leaving Ottawa today to be here for tomorrow morning's preliminary meeting.

The pact signing, which will be broadcast and televised by the major American radio networks, will include five minute speeches by each of the Foreign Ministers taking part.

President Truman will make a ten minute address before the actual sign-

RAILWAY SHUNTING BY RADIO

LONDON (By Cable).—Railway shunting engines at one of Britain's largest marshalling yards have been equipped with radio-telephones. It is an experiment sponsored by the Railway Executive to test the efficiency of radio-telephony for the control of goods traffic.

It is the first time that such a system has been employed for railway work in Britain. If the trials are successful, radio control may be installed at goods depots throughout the country.

It has a great value in foggy weather and at night. The engine crews can receive instant communication from the control centre. The installation consists of a high-frequency radio-telephone system with the transmitter and receiver fitted both in the control tower and on the locomotives. —LPS

DIFFERENCE OF IDEALS

MUZAFFERPUR, April 1 (UPI): India's Prime Minister, Pandit Nehru is reported to have declined to lay the foundation stone of a memorial of Khudiram Bose, who was responsible for the first bomb outrage in India, on an Englishman, at Muzafferpur on the 30th April 1908, on the ground that his ideals differed from the ideals of Khudiram in the struggle for India's independence.

A prominent member of the Reception Committee of the Bihar Political Conference told United Press, that last minute's efforts would be made by the Khudiram Memorial Committee to persuade Pandit Nehru to lay the foundation stone of the memorial.

DISTRESS IN LAKHTAR TALUKA

Villagers Migrating

(From Our Correspondent)

RAJKOT, (By Mail): The Lakhtar Taluka of the Jhalawar District of Saurashtra has apparently become "a potter's field of woe" on account of the failure of the crops and the acute scarcity of fodder. Indications are not wanting to justify the grave apprehensions of the sore beset peasants and proletarians that the over-all situation in the Lakhtar Taluka is fraught with ominous potentialities in midsummer if the tagavi advances are not unconscionably delayed and the living wages are not guaranteed and paid regularly to the labourers drudging in the relief works, which require to be greatly extended to provide full employment.

The facts of the prevailing famine situation are disquieting enough in all conscience. The Kisans, who were relentlessly exploited by the outgoing Lakhtar State Government are sunk in grinding poverty. The present famine, admittedly the most devastating of its kind within living memory because it came on the top of unscotched inflationary potentials, has hit the Kisans very hard, indeed. Even in the capital of Lakhtar State the existing supplies of fodder and water will run out before April is far spent. Almost identical conditions prevail in the Lakhtar Taluka villages, which are being gradually depopulated.

Unless a miracle happens to the Lakhtar Taluka from the miasma, extricate the indebted peasants in their future appears to be dark and discouraging, even assuming for the nonce that the coming monsoon exceeds their most sanguine anticipations. The reasons are plain as a pikestaff. The Kisans shall have to liquidate their staggering liabilities in respect of outstanding debts, suspended land revenue, tagavi dues, fodder obtained on credit from the Saurashtra Government, and essential commodities supplied by the village sowcars to the impecunious Kisans against the prospective returns from land.

The future prospects of the Kisans of other Kathiawar States, who were bled white by their respective rulers, will be as blunt as those of the Lakhtar State Kisans unless the agriculturists' debt redemption scheme is put into operation at once.

PAKISTAN'S MEASURES AGAINST "REDS"

KARACHI, April 1 (U.P.I.): A person has been arrested by the city police for alleged Communist propaganda.

The police are maintaining strict vigilance on Communist activities. Recently a pamphlet was distributed to the public in which Muslim countries, particularly Egypt, Iraq, and Palestine were reviled. The police are investigating.

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Communal Unity Through National Festivals

REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE FORMED IN BOMBAY TO DRAFT CONSTITUTION

BOMBAY, Friday.

All the important festivals of the various communities residing in the city of Bombay will be celebrated, in future, on National lines. A decision to this effect was taken at a meeting of the citizens of Bombay which was conveyed by Mr. S. L. Silam and Mr. M. Taher at the Corporation Hall this evening. The meeting was attended by over 200 representatives from different communities and Dr. Mascarenhas, Mayor of Bombay presided.

Mr. S. K. Patil, President of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee moved a resolution approving of the formation of a National Festivity Committee to arrange for the proper celebration of important festivals of various communities in the city on national lines.

SECULAR STATE

Mr. Patil said that there was much talk about communal unity in the country but nothing definite was done to achieve it. Since they were free and wanted their country to be a secular sate it was necessary to bring about more and more national outlook among the masses. Religion was a personal matter, he said, but the religious festivals could be turned into national festivals and that would help to achieve their object of communal unity and peace in India.

Mr. Taher seconding the resolution said that before the Britishers came to rule the country, Indians were celebrating all the festivals on national lines but the 'divide and rule' policy, of the foreign rulers did away with this age old system. Now, with the advent of freedom they should bring a national attitude in all spheres of life. They should have their festivals on national lines he added.

The resolution after being further supported by Dr. Collaco was passed unanimously.

REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE

By another resolution the meeting appointed a committee consisting of 50 representatives of Hindu, Muslim, Parsi, Christian and other communities to take all necessary steps for bringing into existence the National Festivity Committee and to draft a constitution for it.

Mr. S. K. Patil will act as the chairman of this committee while Mr. S. L. Silam and Mr. Taher will be the conveners.

The committee according to Mr. Silam, will prepare its plan before April 15.

Sir Fazal Rahimtulla, Sardar Sodhi Durbara Singh, Homi Taleyarkhan and Mrs. Lilavati Munshi addressed the meeting and supported the idea of celebrating the festivals on national lines.

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Prof. S. Radhakrishnan Elected P.E.N. President

The 15th annual general meeting of th All-India Centre of the International P.E.N. was held on Tuesday, in the Darbar Hall of the Bombay Branch, Royal Asiatic Society.

A condolence resolution was passed on the passing away of its national President, Shrimati Sarojini Devi Naidu. Prof. S. Radhakrishnan, one of its Vice-President, was unanimously elected as the new President.

It was decided to institute a class of "Friends of the P.E.N." who will share all the advantages belonging to this all-India writers' association. It will be composed of persons who, although not writers of standing, are desirous of taking part in the activities of the P.E.N.; and of literary-minded persons who by reason of their position and enthusiasm may be inclined to support the Association financially.

Bodh Gaya Temple

NEW DELHI, April 1 (A.P.I.): The Bodh Gaya temple was not a protected monument, and the Archaeological Department of the Government of India did not publish guides on monuments which were not under its control, said Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, Education Minister, in Parliament today.

Under the auspices of the late India Office in London, Maulana Azad added, General Alexander Cunningham, the first Archaeological Surveyor of India, had published a book named "Mahabodhi" containing an exhaustive research on the Maha Bodhi temple at Bodh Gaya.

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KHER MEETS EGYPTIAN JOURNALISTS

Mr. B. G. Kher, Premier of Bombay met the Egyptian press delegation at Council Hall on Friday evening.

SHOPS AND ESTABLISHMENTS ACT OF 1948

Some Salient Points Of Bombay Measure

The following are short notes compiled by Sjt. Champaklal C. Sutaria, on the Bombay Shops and Establishments Act of 1948, which has come into effect:—

The establishment should be registered within 30 days from the commencement of the Act or establishment of business by filing with the Inspector of the local area a statement in Form 'A' to the Rules.

On registration, certificate in Form 'C' will be issued which shall be prominently displayed at the establishment. Any change in respect of any information in such a statement should be notified to the Inspector within 7 days after the change in Form 'D'.

OPENING AND CLOSING HOURS: The establishment should not be opened before 8-30 a.m. nor kept open after 8-30 p.m. No young person below 17 years of age and no woman shall be required to work before 6 a.m. or after 7 p.m.

HOURS OF WORK, RECESS AND OVERTIME

No employee shall be required to work for more than 9 hours a day and 48 hours a week. An employee may be further required to work to the extent of 3 hours in any week. Overtime can be allowed to the extent of 24 hours a year on fixed days not exceeding 6 prescribed by the Government under Rule 8 viz., 30th June, 31st March 3 days preceding the Divali and New Years Day and 31st December. But the establishment may fix other days in lieu of those fixed by Government and notify such days to the Inspector in the beginning of April every year.

Provided the establishment shall notify to the inspector its intention to require an employee to work on the day so fixed as above at least 24 hours before the day of such work is required to be done. No young person under 17 years of age will be required to work for more than 6 hours a day or for more than 3 hours in any day unless he has had a rest of at least half an hour.

SPREAD-OVER AND HOLIDAY: The period of work with interval of rest shall not be spread over for more than 11 hours a day. The establishment shall remain closed on one day every week and the employees including those on daily wages shall be paid for that day. Such day may be fixed every year in the beginning of April, notifying the Inspector. Such day may be displayed prominently by a notice in a conspicuous place in the establishment.

PROHIBITION OF EMPLOYMENT OF CHILD: A child under the age of 12 years should not be employed in any establishment.

LEAVE WITH PAY AND PAYMENT OF WAGES

Every employee is entitled to 14 days' leave with pay after service of 270 days. Such leave may be accumulated to a period of 28 days. If leave is refused the payment shall have to be made for earned leave by the employer. The employee shall be paid half the amount due to him for the leave period before his leave begins.

HEALTH & SAFETY

The premises of every establishment shall be kept clean and free from effluvia or other nuisance by lime washing, painting, varnishing, disinfecting and deodorising and be ventilated and sufficiently lighted during all working hours. The employer shall also take due precautions against fire. The premises shall be lime washed or clour-washed once at least in 2 years and painted or varnished once at least in 7 years and record of such lime washing or painting be maintained in Register in Form 'F'.

OFFENCES AND PENALTIES

Contravention of the provisions of the Act and Rules and for false entries, obstructing Inspector and such other offences as detailed in the Sections are liable to punishment.

MAINTENANCE OF REGISTERS. The establishment shall exhibit all notices and extracts of the Act and Rules, required to be exhibited, in such a way that they can be seen easily and readily and should be renewed when it is defaced or otherwise ceases to be clearly legible. Every establishment shall maintain a Register of Employment in Form 'F' or in Form 'I' or exhibit notices in Form 'J' and 'K' where Registers under Forms 'F' and 'I' are not maintained.

Every employer shall maintain a Register of leave in Form 'M' and provide every employee with a leave book in Form 'N'. The establishment shall maintain a Visit Book for the Inspector. Every employer shall on demand produce for inspection by Inspector all Registers and documents mentioned in the Rules.

PAYMENT FOR OVER-TIME Payments should be made for over-time work at the rate of 1 1/2 times ordinary rate of pays.

RESTRICTIONS ON DOUBLE EMPLOYMENTS

An employer shall not knowingly permit an employee to work on a day on which the employee is given a holiday or is on leave.

DISCHARGE OF EMPLOYEES. Any employee if discharged after 3 months' continuous employment, shall be either given 14 days' notice in writing or wages in lieu of such notice except where his services are dispensed with for misconduct.

RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES TO CONTINUE: If under any law, contract, customs or usage any employee is entitled to more favourable rights and privileges than given under the Act such rights and privileges shall not be affected by the provisions of the Act.

SHOPS

(1) Shops dealing in milk, vegetables, fruits, fish, meat, bread etc. shall not be opened earlier than 5 a.m. and shall not be kept open after 8-30 p.m.; (2) Shops dealing in goods other than those specified in (1), shall not be opened earlier than 7 a.m. and shall not be kept open after 8-30 p.m.; (3) No Shops dealing in pan, bidis, cigarettes, matches and other ancillary shall be open after 11 p.m.; (4) The spread-over of an employee in a Shop shall not exceed 11 hours in any day.

THEATRES, &C.

(1) Places of Public amusement shall not be closed later than 12 midnight; (2) No goods of the kind sold in the Shops shall be sold before 7 a.m., and after 8-30 p.m. (3) the spread over of an employee shall not exceed 11 hours in any day.

RESIDENTIAL HOTELS & C.

(1) Cannot be opened before 5-0 a.m. and closed later than 11-0 p.m. (2) Cannot sell goods such as are sold in Shops before 7-0 a.m. and after the closing hours of Shop. (3) The spread over of an employee shall not exceed 14 hours. (4) The employer shall furnish every employee with an identity cards which shall be produced on demand by the Inspector and contain the name of the employer, name and postal address of the establishment, name and age of the employee, the hours of work, interval for rest and the holiday.

EXEMPTED ESTABLISHMENTS: Establishment of Government, Local Authorities, Port Trust, Railway Administration and Bazars or fairs for charitable purposes are exempted from the provision of the Act.

EXEMPTED EMPLOYEES

Employees working in the following establishments are exempted:—

(1) Employees as clerks in clearing and forwarding business. (2) Employees employed for collection, delivery or conveyance of goods outside the premises of the establishments. (3) Employees in Chemists' or druggists' establishments approved by provincial Government or the prescribed authority by an order. (4) Employees attending upon the sick, infirm, destitute or mentally unfit. (5) Employees engaged in sale of ice, aerated waters or fuperal requisites. (6) Travellers, canvassers and such other employees, who are declared by the notification published in the Official Gazette and those whose work is inherently intermittent. (7) Employees working as Watchmen, Care-takers and messangers. (8) Employees in stalls and refreshment rooms at Railway Station, docks, wharves and airports.

CLOSING OF ESTABLISHMENTS OR BUSINESS: Intimation of closing of establishment shall be given to the Inspector, in writing within ten days after the close of establishment.

MOVING DISPENSARIES IN SAURASHTRA

Govt. To Fight Malaria And Filaria

RAJKOT, April 1 (APD): The Health Department of the Saurashtra Government is to launch a campaign against malaria and filaria. Personnel for this purpose is to be trained up shortly. It has also been decided to set up two rural health centres here to deal with both preventive and curative aspects.

Government have also decided to open ten new child welfare centres and two maternity homes they will also supply multi vitamin tablets to school children.

Anti-epidemic units in the nature of moving dispensaries are being organised to deal with epidemics like cholera and small pox.

Saurashtra Housing Scheme For Harijans

RAJKOT, April 1. (APD)—The Government of Saurashtra, has launched a one and a half lakh housing scheme for Harijans and other backward classes. 20 per cent of this amount will be given away by way of housing subsidies.

An additional sum of 1 lakh of rupees will be utilised for digging wells for the benefit of these people.

The Government will seek to improve labour conditions by building labour welfare centres.

"SHOPS ACT MARS THEIR WORKING"

Indian Language Papers' Sub-Committee To Prepare Memorandum

BOMBAY, April 1, (A.P.I.): The Executive Committee of the Indian Languages Newspapers Association has appointed a Sub-Committee to prepare a memoradum to be submitted to the Government of Bombay on the manner in which the provisions of the Shops and Establishments Act affect the working of the editorial department and sale of newspapers by newsboys and news stalls.

The Sub-Committee consists of Mr. A. R. Bhatt, Mr. Indravadan Thakore and Mr. K. M. Shah.

The Executive Committee of the Association which met in Bombay on March 28 considered the provisions and passed a resolution expressing the opinion that these were likely to cause great inconvenience and hardship to those engaged in newspaper trade.

The Executive Committee also decided to address a letter to the Labour Minister requesting him to instruct the various municipalities not to launch prosecutions in respect of breaches of Shops and Establishments Act so far as the newspapers were concerned for one month, during which time the Sub-Committee's memorandum will be submitted to the Government.

INCOME-TAX REFERENCE

(Before the Hon'ble the Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Tendolkar)

Raghuvanshi Mills Ltd. .. Applicant.

vs.

The Commissioner of Income-tax, Bombay ..... Respondent.

The assessee company used to effect insurance not only on its property but also against loss of profits consequent upon fire, riots, etc., the premium in respect of which had been allowed as a deduction under section 10 (2) of the Income-Tax Act. A fire which broke out in the mills in January 1944 caused cessation of work in the mills in respect of which the assessee company received an aggregate sum of Rs. 14 lakhs from insurance companies. The income-tax authorities taxed this amount as income in the assessment for the year 1945-46 and the Appellate Tribunal confirmed that view.

Their lordships held that under the circumstances of the case, the amount in question was 'income' and as such was liable to tax.

WEATHER

WEATHER SUMMARY

POONA, April 1, (A. P. I.): Following is the weather summary for Friday, the 1st April, 1949:—

Thundershowers have occurred locally in Assam, West Bengal, the west Central Provinces and south Hyderabad and at a few stations in Madhya Bharat and the southern districts of south-east Madras.

Day temperatures continued to be appreciably above normal over north India outside Assam.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL THE EVENING OF 2ND: Thundershowers will be widespread in Assam and sub-Himalayan West Bengal and occur locally in Gangetic West Bengal and the extreme south Peninsula.

A few thundershowers are likely in the south Deccan and in and near Madhya Bharat and Vindhya Pradesh. Day temperatures will fall further in the central parts of the country.

WEATHER CHART

POONA, April 1, (A. P. I.): Following is the weather chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches during past 24 hours from 1st April, 1949 and departure from normal recorded at 08-00 hours (I. S. T.), on 1st April, 1949:—

Ahmedabad 102 75 0 0 0, Ahmednagar 99 72 0 0 0, Ajmer 100 70 0 0 0, Allahabad 101 70 0 0 0, Bangalore 92 68 9 0 0, Baroda 101 73 0 0 0, Belgaum 91 63 0 0 0, BOMBAY 89 75 0 0 0, Calcutta 94 76 0 0 0, Cherrapunji 68 56 0.8 plus 0.7, Colombo 89 72 1.8 1.8 plus 1.7, Darjeeling 63 47 0 0 0, Delhi 96 — — — —, Hyderabad (Dn.) 99 67 0.2 0.2 plus 0.1, Jubbulpore 101 67 0 0 0, Kanpur (U. P.) — 67 0 0 0, Kodaikanal 68 55 0 0 minus 0.1, Lahore 93 60 0 0 0, Madras 92 79 0 0 0, Mahabaleshwar 88 64 0 0 0, Mangalore 90 79 0 0 0, Marmagoa 89 — 0 0 0, Mussorie 69 57 0 0 0, Nagpur 101 69 T 0 0 Ootacamund 73 46 0 0 minus 0.1, Patna 100 73 0 0 0, Poona 100 65 0 0 0, Simla 69 53 0 0 minus 0.1, Surat 91 73 0 0 0.

Allahabad Sweepers On Strike

ALLAHABAD, April 1 (A.P.I.): About 800 sweepers of a total of 1,300 employed by the Allahabad Municipal Board, have gone on strike since midnight.

A spokesman of the strikers said they had taken this step as the recommendations of the sweepers Pay Commission fell short of their demand.

Maharashtra Parishad Conference

BELGAUM, April 1 (A.P.I.): The Samyuktha Maharashtra Parishad will meet here on April 30 under the presidentship of Mr. Bhausaheb Hire, President of the Maharashtra Provincial Congress Committee.

The session will be inaugurated by Mr. Haribhau Pateskar who together with Mr. Hire will tour principal talukas of Belgaum and Karwar.

All-India Shia Conference

NEW DELHI, March 31 (A.P.I.): The All-India Shia Conference is convening a meeting at Lucknow on April 15 to draw up a programme for the economic uplift of the Shias, it is learnt here.

An industrial exhibition is also being arranged by the conference.

ECHO OF DUM DUM ARMED RAIDS

W. Bengal Offers Rewards For Arrest Of 15 Absconders

CALCUTTA, April 1, (A. P. I.): The West Bengal Government have announced rewards upto Rs. 5,000 for information leading to the arrests of 15 persons described as "absconders wanted in connection with the Dum Dum and Basirhat armed raids on February 26 last". About 20 persons have already been arrested in connection with the raids.

Higher Study In Plastics

CALCUTTA, April 1, (A. P. I.): Provision for higher study in plastics, believed to be the first of its kind in the history of Indian universities has, it is learnt, been made by the University of Calcutta.

Two special courses of post-graduate study in plastics and advanced chemical engineering will be opened by the university in July next. Financed from a Government of India capital grant of Rs. 8,50,000 the scheme is also to provide for advanced study and research in dye-stuffs and dyeing and electro-chemical and fuel technology.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

DISPOSALS

AUCTION SALES

1. STORES: Salvage; Aircrafts; Spitfire 30 Nos; Hurricane, 12 Nos; Vengeance, 5 Nos; Harvard 8 Nos; Engines, 50 Nos; Oxford, 3 Nos.

PLACE OF AUCTION: Ambala R.I.A.F. Station.

DATE & TIME: 22-4-49 (Friday) at 10 a.m.

2. STORES: Salvage; Aircrafts; Beaufighters, 78 Nos; Thunderbolts, 47 Nos; Mosquitos, 68 Nos: Vengeance, 1 No; Hurricane, 1 No; Audex 1 No; Aurgus, 1 No; Merlin Aero-Engines, 31 Nos.

PLACE OF AUCTION: Bamrauli, Allahabad, Bamrauli Salvage Detachment.

DATE & TIME: 28/29-4-49 (Thursday & Friday) at 10 a.m.

AUCTIONEERS: Auction No. 1 will be conducted by M/s. Dharampal Chadah & Sons, Khari Baoli, Fatehpuri, Delhi. Auction No. 2 will be conducted by M/s. Ram Dass Agarwal & Bros., 22-B, Edmonstone Road, Allahabad.

Conditions of sale will be announced at the time of auction.

Any stores may be held back from auction.

Octroi/Terminal Tax where in force is payable by purchasers.

The stores can be viewed two days before the date of auction at the Depot concerned.

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BOMBAY Stock Exchange

SHARP RISE IN BOMBAY DYEINGS ON ACTIVE COVERING

BOMBAY, April 1.

The local Share Bazar developed irregular trend to-day It being settlement day, there was very little fresh business and traders were mostly interested in transfer business.

The virtual end of manipulation in Tata Steel Defd shares, there was return of normal conditions and longs transferred their purchasing to the next settlement by paying Rs 3 12 while upto the last settlements shorts were forced to pay about Rs 15 for the carryover facilities.

The market opened quietly steady with Tata Steel Defds quoted at Rs. 1472 8. At this level there was scattered selling and the market declined at Rs. 1460 but improved at Rs. 1474 8 under scattered covering. Ordinary shares were quoted at Rs. 284.

Mill shares were active with increased support, Bombay Dyeings opened at Rs. 955 and firmed up at Rs 977 8 while Kohinoors opened at Rs. 292 and improved at Rs. 294.

Later on Tata Steel Defds. were done at Rs. 1475 - while Ordinary shares were quoted at Rs. 286. Bombay Dyeings were in demand at Rs. 975 - and Central Indias were placed at Rs. 245 - Gokaks came in business at Rs. 290 - while Kohinoors changed hands at Rs. 294 6 Simplex shares were quoted at Rs. 182,- and Swadeshi shares were placed at Rs. 303 2 Associated Cements were quoted at Rs. 146 14. Tata Powers were placed at Rs. 1522 8 Bombay Burmas stood at Rs. 270 and Belapurs were quoted at Rs. 414 6. Sbcindia shares were quiet at Rs. 16|- Central Bank shares were quoted at Rs. 65 - K.D. Tata Steel shares were quietly steady but Mill shares were in good demand. Closing tone was steady.

FORWARD SECTION

MILL SHARES	
Bombay Dyeing (12-8)	977 8
Kohinoor Mill (6)	295 0
Swadeshi Mills (22)	303 0
Central India Mills (4)	148 0
Simplex Mills (8)	182 0
New Great Eastern (8)	162 0
Indore (9 plus 3)	160 0
Gokak Mills (20)	289 0
Century Spinning (16)	251 4
Colaba (12)	149 0
India Bleaching (6)	152 8
Swan Mills (20)	328 0
Finlay Mills (15)	281 0
Morarji Gokuldas	460 0
Edward Sassoon (30) XR	225 0
Meyer (12)	112 8
Apollo Mills (As 4)	2 15 6
India United Ord (0-12-9)	11 4
India United Defd (0-2-6)	1 9 6
Madhusudan Mill (15)	180 12
Podar (8)	140 0
Khatau Makanji (8)	200 0
Indore Coupon	88 0
STEEL SHARES	
Tata Steel Ord (14)	283 8
Tata Steel Defd (64-15)	1470 0
Tata Steel 2nd Pref. (7-8)	140 8
CEMENT	
Associated Cement (6)	146 0
INDUSTRIES	
Burma (12-8)	268 12
Belapur Sugar (9)	219 8
Shivrajpur Syndicate (1-8)	22 0
Scindia Steam (0-9)	18 15 6
Premier Construction	116 8
Tata Chemical	12 1
Tata Oil (2)	63 12
Indian Iron (0-12)	24 4
Bengal Steel (0-8-0)	20 6
British India Corp. (0-11)	8 2
I Copper	2 2 6
Wimco	188 2
Alcock	263 2
Belapur Coupon	54 0
ELECTRIC SHARES	
Tata Power (50)	1522 8
Andhra Valley (45)	1437 8
Tata Hydro	153 0

CASH SECTION

COTTON MILLS	
Elphinstone Mills (5)	65 0
Phoenix Mills (50) XR	205 0
India Manufacturing	4150 0
Kooria Mills (8)	120 0
New City Mills (110)	180 0
Minerva	120 8
Bradbury	460 0
Bharat Mills (2)	31 12
Bharucha Defd. (0-4)	4 13
Mysore Spg. Mills (8)	172 8
Madhavji Dharamsi (0-12)	14 4
Model Mills (12-8)	190 0
Lakshmi Cotton (25)	600 0
Vishnu Cotton (90)	206 4
Western India (140)	4170 0
Standard (15)	225 0
Sholapur Mills (200)	3300 0
Sassoon Cotton Mills (0-8)	9 12
Hindustan Mills (40)	4275 0
Tata Mills (3)	59 0
Ahmedabad Advance Old (9)	260 0
Ahmedabad Advance New	195 0
Sassoon Silk (3)	77 8
New Union Mills (0-8)	9 0
Madhusudan B (2-8)	35 0
Srinivas Mills (8)	160 0
Raja Bahadur Poona (4)	78 12
Berar Mills	280 0
Victoria Mills	225 0
Colaba Land Coupon	42 0
New Great	156 0
ELECTRICS (CASH)	
Ahmedabad Electric (1-8)	126 4
Ahmedabad New	43 6
Surat Electricity (2-8)	142 8
Karachi Electric (2)	131 4
Broach (0-5)	10 10
Ajmer Electricity (0-8)	10 6 8
Amalgamated	12 8
Nagpur Electricity (1-12)	26 8
Poona Electric Supply (8)	146 4
Bombay Suburban (3)	161 14
Bombay Suburban (3) XD	152 8
BANK SHARES	
Imperial Bank of India (35)	1882 8
Imperial Bank of India P P (8-12)	457 8
Central Bank XD	83 12
Central Bank New (1-8) XD	83 8
Bank of India (4) XD	194 8
Union (0-8)	7 14
Bank of Baroda (2-8)	136 8
Devkaran Nanjee Bang (1-8)	45 0
United Commercial	55 0
Jaipur Bank (1-6)	35 8
Hindustan Commercial	26 12
Mysore Bank (8)	365 0
Exchange Bank (1-8)	22 0
Eastern Bank (0-14-6)	105 0
INSURANCE	
Oriental (125) XD	5100 0
Empire (10)	625 0
New India (1-8)	61 0
Jupiter (1-4)	16 0
Vulcan (0-10)	11 14
Indian Mercantile (2)	35 0
Universal (0-4)	11 4
B. I. G. (1)	19 12
Industrial and Prudential	29 0
Neptune	5 8
New Great	25 0
All-India General	15 2
RAILWAY SHARES	
C. P. (1-14)	111 4
Pachora Jamner Rly (2-8)	120 4
MISCELLANEOUS SHARES	
Bombay Steamer (10)	290 0
Bombay Burma New (3)	108 2
Burma Petrol	1 5 3
Mackenzie (6)	88 0
Port Canning (3)	65 0
Kemp and Co. (20)	415 0
Zandu Pharmacy (7)	150 0
Industrial Invest Trust (4)	99 0
Dharamsey Chemical (2)	36 0
Mukund Iron	10 0
Dena Trust (0-12)	18 0
Alembic (15)	197 8
Supreme India X R	
Jam Wire (6)	67 4
Bombay Uganda	60 8
Bombay Motor Cycle	34 0
Indian Cement (1937)	18 0
Walchand Nagar Industries (F.S.)	148 12
Associated Cement New (1-4)	142 8
United Motor	70 0
Bombay Safe Deposit (27)	880 0
Hydary Construction	19 10
Manmadi Steam	96 0
Gujarat Motor	20 0
Sardar Carbolic X.D	700 0
Harvey Press	310 0
Estrela Batteries	51 0
Manmad Press	120 0
PREFERENCE SHARES	
Tata Steel 1st (6)	188 12
Andhra Valley (7)	1212 8
Tata Power (7-8)	1275 0
Hydro Electric (7)	128 4
Bombay Steamer (8)	208 8
Central India (5)	625 0
Swadeshi Mills	128 4
Vishnu Mills (7)	646 4
Lakshmi Mills (5-8)	275 0
New Great Mills (5-8)	227 8
Podar Mills (4)	108 0
Shrinivas Mills	98 0
Elphinstone Mills (7)	115 0
Bradbury Mills (7-8)	310 0
Surat Electricity (3-4)	145 0
Premier Construction 1st (61-4)	118 0
Premier Construction 2nd (6-4)	100 0
Amalgamated (5-8)	123 2
Habib	72 0
Tata Chemical (5)	125 0
Walchand Nagar Indus (7)	130 0
Jupiter General	19 14
Supreme	100 0
Meyer	121 4
Mackenzie 1st	85 0
Mackenzie 2nd	80 0
Ahmedabad Advance	132 8
Mysore Mills	50 0
Standard Mills	101 0
Madhusudan Mills	12 0
Khatau Mills	102 8
Morarji	108 0
DEBENTURES	
Andhra 1952 (4)	103 8
Bombay Steamer (1959) (4-8)	101 10
Indian Hume Pipe (6)	106 0
Walchand Nagar (6)	105 0
Tata Power 1951	103 0
OUTSIDE SHARES	
Burma Corporation	2 6
New Victoria Mill	2 4
New Victoria Mills (Pref)	4 14
Phalton Sugar (8) X.D.	110 0
Gold Mohur (20)	302 8
New Kaiser-Hind	360 0
Sajjan Mills (20)	140 0
Osmanshahi Mills (10)	280 0
Azam Jahi Mills (10)	275 0
Air Service XR	7 0
Air India	99 0
Hind Motor	4 10
Indian Steam	7 14

BOMBAY COTTON

BOMBAY April 1:

There was no forward trading in the local cotton market today as all deliveries were quoted above ceiling level. In view of the present situation, there is no possibility of forward business until the supply situation improves considerably.

IMPERIAL BANK OF INDIA

IMPERIAL BANK OF INDIA.
Statement of the Affairs 25th March 1949 :—

LIABILITIES.

	Rs.
CAPITAL . .	5,62,50,000
Reserve Fund	6,27,50,000
Fixed Deposit, Savings Bank Current and other Accounts	268,08,76,000
Sundries	1,31,69,000
Total Rs.	281,30,45,000

ASSETS.

	Rs.
INVESTMENTS :—	
Government Securities	104,21,11,000
Other Authorised Investments	9,28,97,000
ADVANCES :—	
Loans	26,28,00,000
Cash Credits and Overdrafts	82,24,41,000
Bills Discounted and Purchased	6,04,32,000
Dead Stock	1,55,99,000
Sundries	1,30,88,000
CASH :—	
In hand and with the Reserve Bank of India	31,05,39,000
Balances with other Banks	8,81,38,000
Total Rs.	281,30,45,000

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE
BOMBAY, April 1.

Tata Ordinary 285 Tata Deferred 1471,4 Indian Iron 24/7 Steel Corpn of Bengal 20's Bombay Dyeing 975 Central India 247/8 Gokak 291/4 Kohinoor 294/6 Simplex 182 Swadeshi 303,2 Tata Power 1540 Associated Cement 146/4 Belapur 214/6 Bombay Burma (Old) 270,10 Scindia 16/2 Central Bank 67 New India 60/10 Tata 2nd Pref. 139/12

POSITION OF SCHEDULED BANKS.

The following is the statement of the position of Scheduled Bank as at the close of business on the 26th March :—

	Rs.
Demand Liabilities in India :	
(i) Borrowings from Banks	45,49 32,000
(ii) Other demand Liabilities	595,09,09,000
Time Liabilities in India :	
(i) Borrowings from Banks	16,00 000
(ii) Other time Liabilities	285,11,21,000
Cash in India :	
(i) Currency notes of the Government of India and Bank Notes	32,42,96,000
(ii) Rupee Coin	2,07,75,000
(iii) Subsidiary Coin	75,72,000
Balances with Reserve Bank	54,47,25,000
Advances in India	478,40,73,000
Bills discounted in India	18,05,17,000

READY COTTON QUOTATIONS
BOMBAY, April 1.

Jarilla	600 0 0
L.S.G.	825 0 0
N. T.	1035 0 0
Deshi	550 0 0
289F.	1080 0 0

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE
LONDON, March 31.

	£
Consols 2-1/2 p c	30-1/8
Conversion Loan 3-1/2 p c 1961	106
Funding Loan 4 p c 1960/90	113-5/16
War Loan 3-1/2 p c 1952 and after	104-1/8
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank London Reg.	103-1/2
National Bank of India	37-3/8

Transactions on the London Stock Exchange are officially placed at 6.684.

LONDON BULLION
LONDON March 31:

Silver spot and forward both 43-1/2d.
Gold bar fine per oz. £8|12 3

LONDON WHEAT
LONDON, March 31.

	Australian Wheat
London : bulk	96 Mar/April

CHICAGO GRAINS MOVE IRREGULARLY HIGHER

CHICAGO, March 31 (UPA).—Grains moved irregularly higher closing on a note of steadiness on the Chicago Board of Trade today. Wheat responded to relative firmness in cash markets effected partly by a heavy snowfall and the resultant hindrance in arrivals at south-western terminal markets

Closing prices included:

WHEAT—

May	2.15-7/8—3/4
July	1.91-1/2—5/8
September	1.91—1.91-1/8
December	1.92-1/8—1/4

Record Of Actual Transactions In Shares

BOMBAY, April 1.

MILLS

Apollo 2 15 2 15,6
B. Dyeing 956,4 75 73/12 77,8 75 77 8
Bradbury Ord 460
C. India 245 48
C. Pref 625
Century 250 51/4
Colaba 149
E. Textiles 225
Elphinstone Pref 116/4
Finlay 280 81
Gokak 289 89 8 89
I. U. Defd 1,9/6 1/9 1,9/6
I. U. Ord 11 3 11/4 11 2/6 11/4
Indore 160 61/4 60
Khatau 200
Koh noor 292/8 93 92 95
Meyer 112/8
Model 190
Morarji 460
New Great 162 60 63
Podar 140
Simplex 180/8 83 82
Swadeshi 302 1,8 2 1/8 3
Swan 328
Tata Mills 59
Vishnu 206/4

STEAMER

B. Steam 290
Scindia 16 15 14 16/0,6 15/15,6

BANKS

Baroda 137 36 36 8
Central 85 83/12
Central A. New 83/4 83/8
Imperial Old 1880 77 8 85 82 8
Imperial New 457/8
India 194 94,8
Union 7/12 7/16
U. Commercial 53

ELECTRIC

Ahmedabad 126/4
Andhra Valley 1435 37,8
Ajmer 10/7/6
Suburban 161/14
Hydro 153
Power 1522/8

INSURANCE

B. I. General 19/12
Jupiter 16
New India 61

STEEL

B. Steel 20/8 20/6
I. Iron 24/5 24/3 24/5 24/4
Tata Defd. 1472/8 63/12 68/12 65 73/12 70
Tata Ord 284 83/12 85 83/8
Tata 1st Pref 188/12
Tata 2nd Pref 140/8 40 40/8

MISCELLANEOUS

Alcock 263/12
A. C. C. Old 146/4 46/8 46
A. C. C. New 142 42/8
Belapur 213 15 14 15/8
B. B. Old 270 68/12 70 68/12
B. B. New 108/2
B. B. Petrol 1/5/3 1/5 1/5/3
B. I. C. 8/2
I Copper 2/2/6
I. I. Trust 93
P. Const. 114 17 16/8
Shivrajpur 29
Tata Chem. 12/1 12 12/1
Tata Pref. 125
Tata Oil 63/4 63 63/4 63 62/12
Wimco 187/8 88/2

SPECIAL

Ahmedabad Elec. New 43/8
Neptune Ins. 6/12
Indian Mfg. 4150

GOLD & SILVER

BOMBAY April 1:

Official forward business will be done tomorrow evening from 7-30 p.m. to 8-30 p.m.

Today the market was steady with moderate business passing with prices fluctuating either way. Vaishakh Silver opened at Rs. 174|6 and advanced at Rs. 176|10 under Scattered buying. At this level there was increased selling and the market declined at Rs. 173|11 but again rallied at Rs. 174|4 on renewed supports. Ready Silver was quoted at Rs. 176|.

Gold market opened but declined under increased selling. At the opening Vaishakh Gold was quoted at Rs. 108|- and steadily declined at Rs. 107|6 when scattered covering appeared and the market rallied at Rs. 107,10. Spot Gold was quoted at Rs. 109,12 and Sovereigns were placed at Rs. 72 8.

Final quotations were as under:—

Ready Silver	176	4	0
Vaishakh Silver	175	0	0
Ready Gold	109	10	0
Vaishakh Gold	107	10	0
Sovereigns	72	4	0

INDIAN COTTON PARITY

Indian Cotton May contract is 837 points below New York May at Exchange rate.

ALEXANDRIA COTTON
ALEXANDRIA, March 31:

KARNAK May 66.25—90
KARNAK Nov. 58.85—105
ASHMOUNI June 47.06—10
ASHMOUNI Oct. 46.75—20

GOVERNMENT LOANS

BOMBAY, April 1.

2 1/2 per cent 1954	98	6	0
2 1/2 per cent 1950	100	5	0
2 1/2 per cent 1955	99	10	0
2 1/2 per cent. 1961	96	8	0
2 3/4 per cent 1960	99	7	0
2 3/4 per cent 1962	99	0	0
2 3/4 per cent 1976	96	8	0
3 per cent. non-terminable	97	14	0
3 per cent 1986 Con.	97	15	0
3 per cent 1949-52	100	6	0
3 per cent 1951-54	101	2	0
3 per cent 1953-55	101	7	0
3 per cent 1957	101	1	0
3 per cent. 1959-61	100	12	0
3 per cent 1963-65	99	15	0
3 per cent 1966-68	99	15	0
3 per cent 1970-75	100	0	0
3 1/2 per cent 1954-59	104	10	0
4 per cent 1960-70	110	6	0
4 1/2 per cent 1950-55	102	12	0
4 1/2 per cent 1955-60	111	8	0
4 1/2 per cent 1953-58	114	14	0

PROVINCIAL LOANS

2 3/4 per cent U. P. 1961	97	10	0
2 3/4 per cent. Madras 1961	97	8	0
3 per cent. Punjab 1949	99	0	0
3 per cent Bombay 1955	100	6	0
3 per cent Bombay 1958	100	6	0
3 per cent Madras 1952-53	100	10	0
3 per cent U. P. 1952	100	8	0
3 per cent C.P. 1952	100	8	0
3 per cent N. W. F. 1952	99	10	0
3 per cent U. P. 1961-66	100	0	0
4 per cent Bombay Municipality	110	8	0
5 per cent Bom Muni 1959	114	0	0
6 per cent. Bom Muni 1954	114	0	0
3 1/4 per cent Bom Muni 1977	100	14	0

MONEY MARKET

BOMBAY, April 1.

B. O. Rates T. T. D. D. 1/5 15/16 Ready.

B. O. Rates T. T. D. D. 1/5 29/32 up to 6 Months

London Banks Selling T. T. D. D. 1/5 31/32 Ready

London Banks Selling T. T. D. D. 1/5 15/16 up to 6 Months

London Banks Buying T. T. 1/5 1/32 to 9th Month.

London Banks Buying T. T. 1/5 1/16 10th-12th Month.

London Banks Buying D. D. 1/5 1/16 to 4th Month.

London Banks Buying D. D. 1/5 3/32 5th and 6th Month.

London Banks Buying D. D. 1/5 1/8 7th—9th Month.

London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st 1/5 1/8 to 4th Month.

London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st, 1/5 5/32 5th and 6th Month.

London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st, 1/5 3/16 7th—9th Month.

London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/5 5/32 to 4th Month.

London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/5 3/16 5th and 6th Month.

London Banks Buying 120 d/st. 1/5 7/32 7th 9th Month.

New York and Montreal B. C. Rate T. T. Rs. 332 1/4.

Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Rs. 332 1/4.

Banks Buying T T. Rs. 330.

Banks Buying D. D N. Y. Rs. 328 3/4 Montreal Rs. 328 1/2.

Banks Buying D. D. N. Y. Rs. 329 Montreal Rs. 328 3/4 L/C.

Paris Banks Selling T. T. Fcs. 7860.

Paris Banks Buying T. T. Fcs. 8060

Amsterdam Banks Selling T. T. D D Fl. 79.

Belgium Banks Selling T. T. D. D Fcs. 1305.

Java Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Gldr 79

Hongkong Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Rs. 84.

Singapore Banks Selling T. T. D. D Rs. 157.

Manila Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Rs. 165 1/4.

New York/London Cross Rate dol. 4.02 3/4 to 4.03 1/4; London/Afghanistan Cross Rate Afghani Rs. 52.57-53.43; London/Alexandra Cross Rate Fls. 97 1/4-3/4; London/Amsterdam Cross Rate Fl. 10.68-70; London/Bangkok Cross Rate Tcl. 40; London/Belgium Cross Rate Fcs. 176 1/2-3/4; London/Denmark Cross Rate Kr. 19.32-36; London/Hongkong Cross Rate Kr. 1/3 1/16-1/2 10/16 London/Iran Cross Rate Rl. 128-130; London/Java Cross Rate Fl 1068-70; London/Lisbon Cross Rate Es 99 80-100 20; London/Manila Cross Rate Pes. 8-09-8.14; London Montreal Cross Rate dol. 4.02 3/4-4.03 1/4; London/New York Cross Rate dol. 4.02 3/4-4.03 1/4; London/Oslo Cross Rate Kr. 19.98-20.02; London/Paris Cross Rate Fcs. 1061-1063; London/Prague Cross Rate K. 201-202; London/Singapore Cross Rate 2/4 1/16-2/4 3/16; London/Stockholm Cross Rate Kr. 14.47-50; London/Switzerland Cross Rate Fcs. 17.34-36.

London Discts. 3 Mos. 9/16 p.c ; London Dists. 6 Mos. 5/8 p.c.

Reserve Bank Rate 3 p.c.; Bank of England Rate 2 p.c.

Money :—Call 3/4 p.c.; 3 Mos. 1 p.c.; 6 Mos. 1-1/4 p.c.; 12 Mos. 1-1/2 p.c.

Tone :—Tight.

NEW YORK SILVER
NEW YORK March 31:

U.S. Price of Foreign Silver 71-1|2 cents

PRODUCE MARKET

BOMBAY April 1:

In view of excessive speculation activity the Board has suspened trading in May Castorseeds delivery and has asked members to submit statements of open business. The Board will again meet tomorrow to consider the situation and has allowed trading in September delivery. The maximum rate for September delivery is fixed at Rs. 145|- but some members are opposed.

Today trading in Castorseeds September delivery started at Rs. 132|4 and under active buying the market firmed up at Rs. 133|8 and reacted at Rs. 133|2. Prices improved further at Rs. 133/12 and closed at Rs. 135-10. The Board is meeting tomorrow at 11-30 a.m.

Groundnuts and linseed sections were quietly steady while oils were quiet.

Quotations were as under:

GROUNDNUTS			
Khandesh quality	39	2	0
Coromandal	38	12	0
Bold ready.	37	14	0
Bold April-May	38	1	0
CASTORSEEDS—			
Ready	28	0	0
May delivery	—	—	—
September	133	10	0
LINSEEDS—			
April-May	28	13	0
GROUNDNUT OILS—			
Ready	21	2	0
Ready receipts	21	0	0
April	21	0	0
May	21	2	0
June	21	4	0
Linseed Oil	16	0	0
Castorseeds oil first pressing quality	19	0	0
Castorseed oil commercial quality	17	0	0

Stocks Unsettled In N. Y. Stock Exchange

NEW YORK, March 31. (UPA) Stocks were unsettled on the New York Stock exchange today after two sessions of advancing prices.

Trading was moderately active. Wall Street quarters found various reasons for Thursday's market decline, including Truman's press conference in which he said that the Federal Reserve Board was not considering any further relaxation in installment buying and reiterated his stand on a boost in taxes.

They also cited a statement by Commissioner of Labour Statistics that barring wars and weather a decline of about 10 per cent in the cost of living could be expected in the coming year.

Stock sales amounted 980,400 shares and curb sales amounted to 220,000 shares. The turnover in bonds came to dol 2,890,000.

Dow Jones average closings included: Industrials, 177.10; rails, 49.02; utilities, 35.52 and bonds, 98.53.

Closing prices included:

Abbott Laboratories 77 1/2; Allied Chemicals 176 7/8; American Can 90 3/4; American Radiator 18 1/8; American Smelting 48 3/4; American Sugar 36 3/8; American Telephones 146 5/8; American Tobacco 67 3/4; Anaconda Copper 31 3/4; Bankers Trust 40 1/8; Bethelhem Steel 31 5/8. Boeing Plant 25; Canadian Pacific 12 5/8; Celanese 27 3/4; Chase National Bank 35 3/8; Chrysler 52 5/8; Consolidated Editon 23; Coty 4; Douglas Aircrat 63; Dupnot 188 3/4; Eastman Kodak 46 7/8; Firestone Tire and Rubber 50 1/4; General Electric 37 7/8; General Motors 59 1/2; Gillette 31 7/8. Goodyear 44 3/4; International Nickel 29; International Tel and Tel 10 1/2; Lockheed 20 7/8; Nash Kelvinator 13 1/8; National City Bank 40 1/8; New York Central 11 7/8; Pennsylvanian Railroad 16; Shell Oil 34 3/4; Southern Pacific 43 1/8; Standard Oil of New Jersey 68 3/8; Studebaker 18 7/8; Swift and Co. 29 7/8; Twentieth Century Fox 21; U. S. Steel 73 1/2; Warner Brothers 11 1/4. Westinghouse Electric 23 1/2; Brazilian Traction 17 1/4; Technicolor 12 1/8.

N.Y. COTTON RETURN TO NARROW TRADING RANGE

NEW YORK, March 31 (UPA).—Cotton futures returned to a narrow trading range following Wednesday's activity on the New York Cotton Exchange today.

An unexpected rise in March parity and attendant rush of short covering apparently eliminated a good part of speculative interest. Ring observers thought the technical position has been weakened by the covering movement but sellers are reluctant to test that theory. Neither were potential bulls inclined to follow the rallies beyond a few points until Congress takes decisive action on the European Recovery Programme and new ECA funds.

Army Quartermaster announced the receipt of 52 bids covering 87,300 bales or well over double the 40,550 bales sought on its recent inquiry.

Traders were optimistic over the possibilities of additional large-scale sales to Nippon. Informed quarters additionally understood that officials of the Bank of America, Chase National Bank and National City Bank of New York had conferred at Washington recently with representatives of the Army's Civil Affairs Division spokesman. These sources indicated that within the next 10 days to two weeks the Treasury Department would make available a credit line of between $10,000,000 and 15,000,000 dollars to finance Japanese purchases of cotton in America

Export possibilities brightened further by trade reports that the Chinese Nationalist provisional government had accepted credits for $16,000,000 which will be used "at a very early date" for purchase of American raw cotton.

Market opened one to six higher. Thereafter vibrated within the extreme range of seven points to close net one point lower to one point higher.

NEW YORK COTTON

NEW YORK, March 31.

May	32,27—01
May Highest	32 31+03
May Lowest	32.25—03
July	31,20—
October	28.46+01
March	28.06+02
December	28,20+01

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

NEW YORK, March 31.

May	32,17—01
July	31.12—01
October	28.42+01
December	28.16+02
Middling Spot	32.55—

IMPORTS

S. S. HARPALYOUS
BOMBAY, April 1.

From Nagoya: 140 bales woollen piecegoods 50 cases rayon yarn 41 cases lime pieces 607 cases spinning machinery 60 cases electrical motors 69 cases sewing machines 260 crates wall tiles 2,250 crates earthen ware glazed tiles.

From Yokohama: 147 bales art coated two sides 60 cases card dolling 152 cases silk and rayon looms 160 cases alarm clocks 69 cases hanging clocks 50 cases wall clocks 120 cases clocks 50 bales staple fibre yarn 60 cases Japan green teakyson 100 woollen yarn 200 cases zinc oxide 33 cases ball bearings 37 cases electric desk fan 50 cases window glass white figures.

From Singapore: 608 pkgs saraypha:as 420 bags betel nuts 1,024 bags sago flour

From Hongkong: 1,550 bales cassia 1,022 cases hurricane lanterns 1,924 cases fire crakers 1,999 bales cassia liqua 74 cases torches 30 bales matting.

From Kobe—3633 cases rayon yarn; 285 cases art silk yarn; 539 bales staple fibre yarn; 500 bales staple yarn; 515 bales artificial silk yarn; 654 bales spun rayon yarn; 1156 bales cotton piecegoods; 45 cases sewing machines; 50 cases tablets; 50 cases camphor; 82 bales paper; 117 cases belt fastener; 305 cases black f. tape; 350 crates white glazed tiles; 121 cases electric fans; 168 bdls. marbles; 365 cases art silk yarn; 220 bales cotton yarn; 40 bales art silk staple fibre yarn; 50 cases bright yarn; 50 cases diesel engines; 89 bales white printing paper; 115 cases cycle accessories; 46 cases hand tools; 165 and 30 cases umbrella ribs; 100 cases art silk; 100 cases national brand; 141 bales coton yarn; 115 cases silk and rayon looms; 153 cases glass table ware; 65 bales woollen yarn; 150 cases rayon looms; 105 bales rayon staple fibre yarn; 200 cases O table fans; 139 cases motor red switch; 125 cases spinning rame; 50 cases art silk yarn; 100 cases rayon and stable yarn; 780 cases stedglass; 65 cases glass tumblers; 110 cases diesel engines.

EXPORTS

GOODS ENTERED FOR EXPORT
S.S. MINDORO

To Hongkong:—281 bales cotton raw —V. Ladha and Co.

S.S. JALKRISHNA

To Antwerp:—14 bales wool raw—Amar India Corporation.

To Aden:—7 bales cotton piecegoods: B. Nothermal and Son.

To Port Sudan:—197 bales cotton piecegoods—C. Kasturchand, 90 bales cotton piecegoods—C. Popatlal.

BY AIR

To Karachi:—1160 baskets betel leaves—M. Balam and Co.

Arrivals & Departures Of Steamers

BOMBAY, April 1.

ARRIVALS

S.S. Martin Carl from Karachi with genl. carg on March 31.

S.S. Flying Cloud from N. York with gen. cargo on April 1.

S.S. Laurenskerk from Hamburg with genl. cargo on April 1.

S.S. Empire Dirk from Geelong with Barley on April 1.

DEPARTURES

S.S. Ranchi for London with genl. cargo on March 31.

S.S. Express for Calcutta with gen. cargo on March 31.

S.S Ugolino Vivaldi for Genoa with genl. cargo on March 31.

INDO-AUSTRALIAN TRADE

Balance Of Rs. 2 Crores Shown In India's Favour

BOMBAY, March 31. (A.P.I.): Indo-Australian trade showed a balance of rupees two crores in favour of India in the seven months ended January 1949, compared to seven crores in the corresponding period of last year.

India ranked third as Australia's supplier and fifth best customer.

Pondicherry And Karaikal Become Free Ports

PONDICHERRY, April 1 (A.P.I.): With the abrogation of the customs union convention with effect from today, Pondicherry and Karaikal have become free ports and on behalf of Metropolitan France, French India Government took over customs charge from the Indian Union.

In anticipation of this termination huge quanitities of salt, firewood and foodstuffs had been moved to French India from the Indian Union territory, it is learnt.

Four French ships are expected in Pondicherry with consumer goods in the course of the week.

Crew On Coastal Steamer Go On Strike

BOMBAY, April 1 (API): Thirty-five seamen attached to the coastal steamer 'Oostcappelle' due to sail from Bombay for Cochin this morning, declared a strike before the departure of the ship.

On intervention by the Regional Labour Commissioner, Mr. D. G. Jadhav, the employees boarded the ship and the ship sailed at eleven, three hours behind schedule.

The representatives of the Merchant Steam Navigation Company, who own the ship, and of the Bombay Seamen's Union, of which the seamen are members, later met the Regional Labour Commissioner, to discuss the seamen's demands.

LONDON PEPPER EXTREMELY IDLE.

LONDON, March 31.

The pepper market remained extremely idle with Singapore coming through unchanged at 3/11 1/2 for black and 5/1 for white.

Malabar afloat was quoted about 445 London basis while April/May at 430, but no buyers.

SINGAPORE PEPPER PRICES.

SINGAPORE, March 31.

Although black and white pepper prices remained unchanged at SS dol 215 and SS dol 274 respectively, the tendency to-day was easier due to lack of support.

WORLD GOLD PRODUCTION SHOWS ONLY SLIGHT INCREASE.

WASHINGTON, March 31.

The world gold production has shown only a slight increase since the war, the International Monetary Fund said in a report on the 1947 output for all countries except for Soviet Union.

After reaching a peak of dol 1,283,000,000 in 1940, the gold output fell 742,000,000 dollars by 1945 when all gold production in the U.S. was halted because of manpower shortage. By 1947, the latest full year for which statistics are available, gold production was valued at 764,000,000 dollars.

The report said in the first six months of 1948, U.S. gold production was 35.35 million dollars; Canada, 58.89 million dollars, Mexico, 6.35 million and South Africa 204.1 million dollars.

WOOL TOP PRICES.

NEW YORK, March 31.

Wool tops to-day closed barely steady, 10 to 30 points lower. Closing prices included:

April 151 nom; May 147.5, 148; July 145, 146.5; October 144, 144.3; December 143 traded; March 141.5, 142; May 140.5, 141.4

WORLD RICE PRODUCTION SURVEYED

Shortage Likely To Continue

LONDON (By Cable).

Even if the world production of rice is raised by 10,000,000 tons or more in the next two years it would still not make it possible for the peoples of rice-eating areas to secure the pre-war level of consumption. This is one of the facts contained in a bulletin just published by the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations.

Asia accounts for, the bulletin reveals, 94 per cent. of the area under rice and of the production of rice. In the current year the area is estimated to have reached the pre-war figures but for a number of reasons output is reckoned at 6.2 million tons less than in pre-war years. Bad weather, shortages of tools, irrigation plant, fertilisers, insecticides and the planting of poor land have resulted in a reduced field per acre. At the same time, the population of the main rice-consuming countries has increased by 10 per cent.

Improvements in yield from land under cultivation and expansion of r

Trade And Finance

Note Circulation Registers Further Drop

POOR OFFTAKE OF SILVER FOR UPCOUNTRY MARKETS

From our Special Correspondent
BOMBAY, April 1

MONEY: There was no change to report in the conditions prevailing in the short-term money market, which continued to be tight, although the Imperial Bank of India reduced their rate for day-to-day advances against Government Securities to the previous level of 2 3 4 per cent. per annum Call money continued to be quoted around 1 1 2 per cent Three months' deposits stood at 1 1 2 per cent. and six months' at 1 2 4 per cent. per annum.

In the weekly returns of the Reserve Bank of India for the period ended 26th March 1949, the note circulation registers a further drop of Rs. 7 94 crores, while the notes held in the Banking Department have gone up by Rs. 8 44 crores. The total note issue shows a small expansion of about Rs. 50 lakhs In the Banking Department, Government as well as Bankers' deposits show a rise of Rs 6 09 crores and Rs. 3.38 crores Balances held abroad are down by Rs 6.03 crores, whilst Investments show a rise of Rs. 6 26 crores.

The statement of affairs of the Imperial Bank of India, for the week ended 26th March 1949, is devoid of any significant changes except for a decline of Rs. 2-12 crores in Advances and a resultant rise in the cash holding of Rs. 2.31 crores to Rs. 40.37 crores.

GILT-EDGED: The gilt-edged market ruled easier during the week owing to the prevailing tightness in the money market. Official support, however, continued in some select scrips. The volume of trading was small. 3 per cent. 1986 conversion loan was marked down further to Rs. 97-15. Among dated loans, 2 1/2 per cent. 1960 bonds ruled steady around Rs. 108-5, but 2 3 4 per cent. 1976 loan eased off to Rs. 96-10. Small business in 3 per cent. 1963 55 loan was reported at Rs. 101-8. 3 per cent. 1963/65 and 1966 68 loans were both marked down by an anna to Rs. 99-15 during the week. Other loans remained more or less unchanged.

EXCHANGE: The rupee sterling exchange market ruled steady with moderate activity in evidence. For interbank business, sellers of spot TT on London quoted 1s. 5-31/32d. and buyers 1s. 6d. Merchant rates fixed by the Exchange Banks' Association were unchanged as under.

Sellers of TT on London spot 1s 5-31 32d.

Sellers of TT on London upto six months 1s 5-15/16d.

Buyers of TT on London spot and upto nine months 1s. 6-1 32d.

GOLD: While there was no official forward trading in the bullion market, unofficially transactions for May delivery took place at about Rs. 1-12 to Rs. 2 under the spot rate in accordance with the rules of the Bombay Bullion Association. Owing to increased demand, the undertone of the market was steady throughout. The quotation for ready gold improved from Rs. 106-12 to Rs 111-4 on Saturday, but declined to Rs 108-4 on Tuesday and after recovering to Rs. 110-4 on Thursday, closed at tolas. Arrivals are reported to have fluctuated between Rs. 71-12 and Rs. 73 in consonance with the fluctuations in the price of gold. It was reported that small parcels of Indian mine gold were being sold at the market rate as against the usual practice of selling the entire tender. Stocks of gold are estimated to be about 50 000 tolas. Arrivals are reported to have averaged about 8,000 tolas a day and the offtake about 9,000 tolas. The highest and lowest rates touched for ready were Rs. 111-4 and Rs. 106-12.

SILVER: The silver section of the bullion market went through a series of fluctuations owing to the resumption of speculative activity. While there were no transactions in the official forward market, which is due to open on the 2nd of April 1949, unofficially transactions for May delivery were reported at about Rs. 10 to 11-8 under spot .999. Owing to the technical position, the quotation for spot .999 fine silver went up from Rs. 179-2 at the opening to Rs. 184-10 on Tuesday but after the termination of the Indore contract on the 30th March, the quotation slipped down to Rs. 175 on Thursday and closed Rs. 176-8. Except for the railing of 267 bars of silver on Monday to meet settlement requirements, the upcountry offtake continued on a poor scale at about 15 bars a day on average. Floating stocks of silver in the market are reported to be 2,500 bars. In the overseas markets, the New York and the London silver quotations remained unchanged at 71 1 2 cents and 43 1 2d throughout. The highest and lowest rate for ready silver were Rs 184-10 and Rs 175.

REMOVAL OF SILVER NITRATE & SILVER & GOLD COMPOUNDS FROM OPEN GENERAL LICENCE

A Reuter message dated 30th March 1949 stated that "the import of silver nitrate and all other silver compounds and monocyanide of gold and all other gold compounds with the exception of liquid gold will not hereafter be permitted without a licence, according to a Government of India announcement.

The Government of India have decided to exclude from the scope of Open General Licence No. XI the imports of these chemical and shipments made after 30th March will require import licences.

Parties who have opened letters of credit for the import of these goods under OGL XI will be granted import licences in respect of the commitments covered by the letters of credit. Such licences will, however, be valid only for shipments upto the dates specified for shipment in the letters of credit. Applications should be accompanied by a bank certificate giving particulars of the letter of credit opened. In cases where no letters of credit are opened, licences will be granted only when goods are genuinely required as raw materials for the manufacture of patent medicines etc. The applicants will be required to furnish evidence of their past consumption and the precise use to which these materials will be put".

SHARES: While the steel section of the local share market continued to show a drooping trend owing to a preponderance of sellers, the textile block maintained a firm undertone throughout on increased speculative attention, more especially at the close of the week.

Tata Defds. lost further ground to Rs 1457-8, closing a trifle better at Rs. 1470 on profit-covering, while Ordinaries were quoted at Rs. 283-8 at the close as against the opening level of Rs 290 Amongst textiles, Bombay Dyeings forged ahead from Rs. 958-12 to Rs. 977-8 and Swadeshis were boosted up to Rs. 305 on the announcement of a bonus issue by the Company Kohinoors and Nagpurs were both firm at Rs. 295 and Rs. 248 respectively. Other sections, however, were inclined to be in the background with very little business passing. Andhra Valleys were steady around Rs. 1435 and Powers changed hands at Rs 1522-8. Amongst Banks, Central Banks were quoted ex dividend at Rs. 83-12 and Bank of Indias at Rs. 194-8. Imperial Bank Fully Paids were a shade better at Rs. 1882-8. In the miscellaneous section, Associated Cements and Belapurs moved narrowly around Rs. 146 and Rs. 215 respectively. New Indias ruled quiet at Rs. 61 and Scindias at Rs. 16-2.

CALCUTTA JUTES: The jute section of the Calcutta share market presented a dull appearance with very little business activity in evidence. Quotations in most cases remained more or less unchanged.

Low Level Of Stock Prices A Source Of Strength In U.S. Economy

WASHINGTON, April 1.

Failure of the stock markets to climb the inflationary ladder in the postwar era of high commodity prices and high earnings in one of the current sources of strength in the American economy Nevertheless, the low level of stock prices and of stock market sales has been discouraging to risk capital, a necessary element for industrial expansion.

Venture capital into the form of new stock issues was less than five per cent of gross business investment in 1948, notwithstanding the high level of dollar profits of industry, according to a special study made by the National Association of Manufacturers. The proportion was about 30 per cent in 1929.

This situation has led the New York Stock Exchange to embark on an advertising campaign to widen the market for securities by interesting small investors and wage earners in stock purchases. A fundamental obstacle, however, has been the contraction in the general credit situation.

FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD RELAXES MARGIN REQUIREMENTS.

A relaxation of the stock margin requirements, designed to increase the amount of credit extended for stock purchases, was put into effect this week by the Federal Reserve (Bank) Board.

As of March 30, the stock margin requirements were lowered from 75 per cent to 50 per cent. Henceforth, an investor or speculator is required to make a cash-down payment of only 50 per cent of the price of securities bought in the stock exchanges, either for purchases or short sales. He may borrow the remaining 50 per cent.

The action was taken by the Board on the basis of the authority granted it by the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to prescribe minimum cash-down payments for securities to "prevent excessive use of credit" in stock markets. On October 1 of that year, margins ranging from 30 to 40 per cent were ordered.

Margin requirements since then have been as follows: April 1, 1936, raised to 55 per cent; November 1, 1937, lowered to 40 per cent. February 5, 1945, raised to 50 per cent; July 5, 1945, raised to 75 per cent; January 21, 1946, raised to 100 per cent; February 1, 1947, lowered to 75 per cent. March 30, 1949, lowered to 50 per cent.

DULL MARKET PROMPTS LATEST BOARD ACTION.

The Board's action this week was taken after credit being used in the stock markets was at a near-record low for weeks, while the level of stock market activity also was very low, averaging less than a million shares a day.

Bank loans for purchases of securities totalled dol. 627,000,000 as of March 16, against a high of dol 2,958,000,000 in 1946, credit extended by security dealers to their customers totalled dol. 527,000,000 on February 28 against a peak of dol. 1,168,000,000 in 1946.

The fact of the matter is that the stock market missed the postwar boom—the only segment of the American economy that did. Within their limited range, stock prices rose to a postwar high in mid-1946, but this was less than 50 per cent above the 1935-39 average. Then stock prices declined generally until February 1948, when they were about 14 per cent above the 1935-39 average.

Stock prices rose again until June of last year, when they were about 35 per cent above the 1935-39 average, but then declined once more. Currently stock prices are within a point or two of their level a year ago.

STOCK PRICES LOWEST IN 20 YEARS

Measured by earnings of corporations and the dividends paid out to stockholders, stock prices are lower now than at any other time in last 20 years. Today, the average price per share of 30 industrial stocks in the Dow-Jones index is only about 5.1 times the annual earnings per share, after taxes. In 1929, at the peak of the stock market boom of that period, the price average of these stocks was 19.1 times their average annual earnings.

Similarly, average prices of these stocks is now about 15.2 times the average dividend paid to stockholders as compared with 29.9 times the average dividends paid in 1929. (Calculations are based on current market prices for stocks and 1948 earnings and dividends.)

These comparisons point up the unusually low level of stock prices today. Current prices on the Dow-Jones list of industrial stocks almost would have to double to reach the 1929 relationship between prices and earnings. Prices would have to rise 55 per cent to reach the 1929 relationship with dividends.

The Federal Reserve Board's decision to lower margin requirements has been acclaimed in financial circles. Emil Schram, president of the the New York Stock Exchange, called the action "most constructive" and said it would be welcomed by "millions of investors in limited securities, and by those who are interested in the vitality of our financial markets." Other authorities declared the reduced margins should tend to broaden the market by enlarging buying power and also aid in stimulating the use of risk capital.—USIS.

WORTH STREET ACTIVITY HAMPERED BY CAUTIOUS BUYING

NEW YORK, March 31 (UPA).—Activity was hampered by cautious consumer buying in all divisions of the textile market on the Worth Street Cotton Cloth Market today.

In cotton goods, merchants reported a tight situation in key 80 square construction for quick delivery but elsewhere demand lagged.

Brokers mentioned additional reports of curtailment in Osnaburgs, print cloths and sheetings among manufacturers which were discouraged by current slow consumer demands. Firmness displayed in burlap earlier this week faded out as doubts rose whether plans of Indian producers to cut hessian production would be carried out Because of labour troubles on that sub-continent, importers questioned whether the government would sanction such a move.

Activity in rayon and gray goods slackened to a near halting point while trade discussed proposals to offer price guarantees and an extension of terms from 30 to 60 day basis. Brokers reported that filament rayon yarn was available at a sharp discount under producer prices.

Latest Commercial

NEW YORK COTTON MAY
NEW YORK, April 1.

Previous Closing	32.27
Today's Openingg	32.25
Difference	—2
Today's Closing	32.24
Difference	—3

LAST QUOTATIONS Q
BOMBAY, April 1.

	Rs. As.
Silver Vaishak Shud 15	175 0
Gold Vaishak Shud 15	107 12
Silver Bullion	174 14
Silver Mint	176 4
Gold Ready	109 12
Sovereign	72 12

Expectation:
Cotton Jarila May Rs. 624-8.

NEW YORK STOCKS
NEW YORK, April 1.

New York opening prices:
Anaconda Copper Mining 31-3/4, General Motors 59-1/8.
United States Steel Common 73-1/4.
Ditto pref. pref. 135-1/4.

SEA-BORNE TRADE ACCOUNTS FOR JAN.

NEW DELHI, April 1, (A.P.I.): Sea-borne trade accounts for January 1949 show that Indian exports were valued at Rs. 34.63 crores and re-exports at Rs. 51 lakhs. The value of imports into India stood at Rs. 55.04 crores. The adverse balance of trade was of the order of Rs. 19.90 crores.

In January 1948, India had a favourable balance of Rs. 8.02 crores. This change from a favourable to an unfavourable balance of trade in January of this year was due to an increase of Rs. 23.86 crores in total imports accompanied by a small increase of Rs. 94 lakhs in exports and re-exports taken together.

(Statistic for 1947-48 exclude the direct foreign trade of the Pakistan provinces of Sind and East Bengal with effect from August 1 and 15 1947, respectively. Also, they do not include India's sea-borne trade with Pakistan up to February 1948 and trade on Government account.)

ARTICLES OF EXPORT

Among articles of export in January 1949 were jute yarns manufactures, raw and waste (Rs. 13.5 crores) tea, Rs. 8.37 crores, cotton yarns and manufactures, raw and waste (Rs. 4.03 crores) hides and skins tanned or dressed of leather Rs. 1.12 crores gums resins and lac Rs. 73 lakhs tobacco Rs. 54 lakhs and spices Rs. 53 lakhs.

Among important items of import were:—Raw cotton Rs. 10.16 crores grain pulse and flour Rs. 8.19 crores, machinery of all kinds 6.8 crores oils 56 crores, vehicles 2.95 crores paper and pasteboard Rs. 2.49 crores metals Rs. 2.43 crores cutlery and hardware Rs. 2.09 crores cotton yarns and manufactures Rs 2.07 crores and chemicals and medicines Rs. 2.03 crores.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

Quietly Firm Tone

LONDON, April 1, (PTI-Reuter): Usual weekend influences were at work in the London Stock Exchange today and quieter conditions prevailed. Prices were generally steady with occasional firmness.

Firmness was shown in the oil shares which seem to have recovered from the recent period of depression. Gains were up to one-eighth.

Industrials showed slight irregularity with iron and steel issues occasionally lower. Miscellaneous leaders however were quietly firm.

Mainly steady conditions was expected to prevail until after the budget which is expected to be placed before the House of Commons on Wednesday.

Gold shares provided the main interest and all issues received good support. South Africans made a fresh upward progress and there were substantial gains in West Africans. Rumours were current concerning a possibility of increase in the price of gold in the near future.

Foreign bonds were quietly steady but among foreign rails the interest switched to Buenos Aires central railway. This followed the takeover announcement and the price of first debenture rose 20 points at 55.

Hapur Market Rates

(From Our Correspondent.)
HAPUR, April 1.

Wheat 23 to 26, Gram 12/8 to 13/4, Barley 13, Maize 13, Bajra 14, Peas 11 to 11/8, Jeth 11/6, Urd 17/12, Moong 19, Masoor 13 to 15, Arhar 12, Jeth 12, Sarsoon Ready 28/8, Jeth 27/10, Gur Ready 13/b to 15/3, Baisakh 13/8/6, Fagun 11/6/6. Quieter on despatches prospect.

Tarameed 22/8 to 20/8, Oil 72, Oilcake 8/12, Groundnut 17, Cottonseed 16, Bardana Chet 107/8, April 124, Asoj 108/8, September 122.

Silver Forward 172/2, Gold 109/8. Very steady on rumours of formation of bulls syndicate in Bombay.

Governors At Army Exhibition

RANCHI, March 31. (API)—Five Governors attended the Eastern Command Week Celebrations held at its headquarters here. They were Dr. Kailas Nath Katju, (West Bengal) Mr. B. B. Mulick, (U.P.) Sri Prakash, (Assam), Mr. M. S Aney (Bihar) and Mr Asaf Ali (Orissa).

They went round the army exhibition, attended parades, and witnessed a miniature warfare staged by the troops stationed in Ranchi. They also had joy rides on a miniature railway train and on amphibious vehicles in Ranchi lake.

All the five Governors were entertained to dinner by the Army Commander, Lt.-Gen. Thakur Nath Singh.

URDU JOURNALISTS MEET

Deplore Existence Of Communal Minded Elements

BOMBAY, April 1, (A.P.I.): The Bombay Urdu Journalists Association, at a General Body meeting held yesterday, passed a resolution stating that "certain elements were still striving to retain the evil of communal politics" and calling upon the people to "keep themselves at arm's length from communalism and sever their connections with politico-communal bodies".

The resolution did not specify who these "elements" were.

The resolution said: "This meeting of Urdu journalists notes with regret that even after national freedom, which was achieved by Congress under Gandhiji's leadership, which was based on non-communal outlook and principles of non-violence and also by other non-communal organisations and which can be preserved and taken advantage of only through pursuing a policy of national unity and non-communalism, certain elements do exist that are still striving to retain and continue the evil of communal politics in the country even today.

"This meeting is of emphatic opinion that continuance of communalism among various communities and their indulgence in communal politics runs counter to the interests of all communities. It is, therefore, incumbent on each and every community to keep itself at arms' length from communalism and sever its connections with politico-communal bodies. Besides, this meeting pleads with all politico-communal organisations to help foster non-communal spirit and establish true democracy in the country by eschewing communalism once for all and to offer an opportunity to the nation to achieve its goal of progress and prosperity through prompt and organised action by implementing decisions of the Constituent Assembly and those of prominent and representative political parties and to extend their complete co-operation to the national Government in their constructive and development schemes".

W. Union Countries Plan Naval Exercises

LONDON, April 1 (PTI-Reuter): Britain, France, the Netherlands and Belgium are to co-operate in combined naval exercises this summer "to accustom the navies of western Union countries to work together in defensive unity". The exercises will take place from June 30 to July 8 and will involve cruisers, aircraft carriers, destroyers and submarines together with fighters and bombers from the air forces of all four countries.

Leftist Paper Attacks Security Council Members

LONDON, April 1. (PTI-Reuter)—The left-wing "New Statesman" today accused the British and some other members of the United Nations Security Council of seeming "to be more concerned with the problem of saving Dutch face than with justice towards the Indonesian Republic".

The paper commented of last week's debate on the Canadian proposal for a Round-Table Conference at the Hague: "The Dutch delegate adopted the usual tactic of confusing the confounded, and complained that the republicans were making no effort to stop guerilla warfare".

British Military Mission Members In Penang

PENANG, April 1 (PTI-Reuter): Thirteen officers and men of the British Military Mission in Burma, arrived here by air today, to join wives and children already evacuated from Burma.

'RESTORE LOST MORAL VALUES IN SOCIETY'

Pattabhi's 'National Week' Message To Country

DELHI, April 1, (A.P.I.): Dr. Pattabhi Sitaramayya, Congress President, has called upon every citizen to take a vow not to pollute his hands or others by participating in the operations of bribery and black marketing.

In a statement issued today on the eve of the National Week, he said "The supreme call of duty this year lies in striving to restore the lost moral values in society. Let this year's national week see the nation determined to combat this new disease. Let us realise that corruption is the complete negation of patriotism and that patriotism alone can lift a man from the depths into which he is apt to fall for personal ends."

Dr. Pattabhi said: "this year in particular, the nation may well give its thoughts not only to the programme given to it by the Father of the nation, but to the departed martyr himself. If the death of India's patriarch is a tragedy, the scant honour done to his memory is a shame."

GANDHI MEMORIAL FUND

Referring to the lack of interest shown by the people towards the Gandhi National Memorial Fund, which necessitated Dr. Rajendra Prasad, its President, touring the country at the risk of his health, the Congress President remarked "it is not the measure of contribution," but the manner of it that is of value. The pecuniary value is of secondary importance. What tells is the moral value, the consciousness of each that he or she has paid the debt to the nation, as a proof of national awakening and as a guarantee of national integrity."

HINDU-MUSLIM UNITY

Referring to Hindu-Muslim unity, which used to form a part of the National week celebrations during the past years, the Congress President said "Hindu-Muslim unity, it was hoped, would be made easy of achievement by the secession of portions of India into Pakistan, but the toll of one million lives it has taken, is appalling, not to mention the toll of suffering entailed upon the nation in the exodus of a crore of people one way and the other we have still four to five crores of Muslim brethren with us and we rejoice to note that most of them recognize the unity and oneness of interests with the rest of its population. India means well by them and when the tions take place with joint electorates it is our ardent hope that the question of Hindu-Muslim unity will have stood the test of time so justifying the faith of the nation in the nity of India."

INTERNAL FEUDS

Dr. Sitaramayya, expressed concern over the bickerings among Congressmen and stated: Power has brought bickerings and even embitterment amongst Congressmen. The Congress, which had hardly any internal division during the period of struggle now witnesses internal feuds in several Provinces and thus suffers a measure of weakening and a fall in prestige little anticipated two years ago. It is difficult to build, but easy to disturb, nay, even to demolish. We have through this organisation brought the whole nation under the control, direction and superintendence of one force but today by group formations we are tending to weaken that force. We have latterly adopted the constitution of the Congress to the requirements of our new-got freedom and its strength will depend upon the purity of its functioning. The present phase has already proved a cause for concern and the future, if the prevailing fissions are not closed up, may become pregnant with alarm."

NO "BLACK LIST" OF ARTISTES IN A.I.R.

Diwakar Answers To Munavalli's Charge

NEW DELHI, April 1, (A.P.I.): The Minister of State Mr. R. D. Diwakar replying to questions in Parliament to-day said that he was not aware of any "black list" of artistes maintained by the All-India Radio.

Answering Mr. Munavalli the Minister said that A.I.R. utilised artistes from all parts of India for its programmes and appointments made were on the invitation of the A.I.R. itself or on applications received from artistes.

Replying to Seth Govind Das, Mr. Diwakar said that no permanent list of artistes was maintained. The list was being constantly reviewed.

The Deputy Prime Minister, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel in a written reply said that, from the information available it was known that the Laik Ali Government in Hyderabad had spent about 8 crores and 65 lakhs of rupees (Hyderabad currency) "on war preparations". Sardar Patel did not think it was in public interest to disclose the details.

A.-I. Depressed Classes League Session

MADRAS, April 1, (A.P.I.): The All-India Depressed Classes League will hold its annual session at Gwalior in the last week of this month. The Working Committee of the League will meet at Nagpur on April 3.

Mr. V. Kurmayya, Madras Minister for Rural Development, who is a member of the Committee will leave for Nagpur tomorrow to attend the meeting.

MAKE BEST OF EXISTING CONDITIONS

Rajaji's Call To Step Up Food Production

AMBALA, April 1, (A.P.I.): The Governor-General C. Rajagopalachari today described the import of food from abroad as "the greatest shame we can inflict on our motherland" and advised every Indian to endeavour to add to the stock of food in some shape or other. "We cannot wait for better conditions" he declared "but must go on making the best of the existing conditions Grow something that can be eaten by man or domestic animal wherever you have a patch of mother earth at your disposal and do not waste anything.

Mr. Rajagopalachari who was replying to an address of welcome presented by local bodies in Ambala said you have raised many points in your address which I am sure will be looked into and dealth with sympathetically by the Government of India and the Provincial Governments."

When this statement was greeted with applause Mr. Rajagopalachari commented "it is a sign of the times that when such a general statement is made you appreciate it whereas in former times you would have smiled to hear such generalities."

"This is one of the results of the democratic form of Government that now prevails."

Mr. Rajagopalachari referred to the suggestion contained in the address that the Central Government should explore possibility of placing vacant lands outside East Punjab at the disposal of the Provincial Government for helping displaced persons aid said: 'The Relief and Rehabilitation Ministry have already arranged to place at the disposal of your Provincial Government nearly six lakhs acres of land for allotment to displaced persons. I have every hope that the land in the East Punjab together with the six lakhs acres in Patiala and East Punjab States union and the facilities for irrigation which will be provided on the completion of the Bhakra Dam will help to rehabilitate our brothers in the East Punjab.

MINERAL FINDS IN SAURASHTRA

RAJKOT, April 1, (A.P.I.): Coal deposits have been found in areas near Wankaner in Saurashtra and it is felt that if the pits could be successfully worked, the entire needs of Saurashtra could be met.

The Saurashtra Government have approached the Government of India for carrying out intensive investigation into the matter.

Three geological and mining survey parties of the Government of India, who are at present touring Saurashtra have found on preliminary investigations that there are possibilities of getting coal at Wankaner and Karthal, plastic clay at Kunda and metal ores in certain areas of Halar.

The possibilities of getting petrolium is also being investigated.

Ambedkar's Birthday

POONA, April 1, (A.P.I.): The All-India Scheduled Castes Federation will be celebrating the 57th birthday of its founder, Dr. B. R. Amberkar, Minister for Law, Government of India, for a fortnight commencing from April 14, according to Mr. P. N. Rajabhoj, General Secretary of the Federation.

He has called upon provincial and other branches of the Federation to hold meetings and processions during this period to propagate the viewpoint of the Federation.

EGYPT LOOKS TO INDIA FOR HELP IN ECONOMIC STRUGGLE

Press Delegation Impressed By Communal Amity In The Country

BOMBAY, Friday.

The Egyptian people's hope that India would aid them to raise their standard of life and help her in the struggle for economic progress was underlined by Mr. Kassem Gowda, Editor of the Arabic newspaper "Akhbar Aliyoum" and leader of the six man delegation of visiting Egyptian journalists, replying to felicitations offered by the Bombay Union of Journalists this evening.

Mr. Gowda and his colleagues spoke warmly of the reception they had in India during their one month's tour of the country and especially laid stress on the "absence of racial or communal feelings wherever we went from Kashmir to Madras". At Wardha and Sewagram, where "we had the best part of our programme", they felt "the heart of India beating and got the right idea of the principles of Mahatma Gandhi". In Kashmir the cooperation between the Hindus and Muslims impressed them greatly.

WITH EYES AND HEARTS OPEN

Mr. Gowda said that though the Government of India had extended them the invitation to tour India their visit could not be described as a "conducted" one. They enjoyed the fullest freedom to see whatever they wished. "We had our eyes open just as we came with our hearts open".

The people of Egypt, he stated, looked to India not only as a bigger Eastern country but as a bigger Moslem country with forty million Muslims. Rarely could anyone find an Egptian newspaper without something on India. On the question of the anti-Indian riots in South Africa the press of Egypt took a very definite line, vehemently denouncing the "Hitlerian" tactics of the administration. But Mr. Gowda was sorry to remark that the Indian papers devoted very little space to Egyptian news and her problems. He hoped that the press here would take a more lively interest in the affairs of his country.

"It is true the masses of my country have not had a fair deal just as their counterparts here. But we are now witnessing a wide-spread movement to raise their standard of life and ameliorate their condition. The Pashas of Egypt do not count much any longer, with the end of British domination. They cannot stem the tide of progress and we hope in our struggle for economic advancement we will get as much help from India, the leading nation of South East Asia", Mr. Gowda said.

He disclosed that Egyptian papers have now stationed correspondents in India and hoped they would send to Egypt the correct interpretation of affairs in this country.

Mr. M. Harris welcomed the delegation on behalf of the Bombay Union of Journalists. The visiting party consisted of Mr. Gowda, the leader, Mr. Abdul Kuddus, Mr. Ahmed Bey Abdul Fath, Mr. Abdel Hamid el Hadidi, Mr. Zacharia Sherbini and Mr Salah Abdel Gayed.

They left for Cairo by an Air-India International plane later in the night.

MADRAS SHARE MARKET

Tone Quiet

MADRAS, April 1, (A.P.I.): Quiet conditions with weekend realisations brought down values somewhat Textiles were fractionally lower. Plantings ruled weak with movies going through at 6-8 and Thirumbadis at Rs. 1-8-6. Banks remained unchanged whilst in miscellaneous section Metur Chemicals and Mysore Chemical Fertilisers gave way under selling pressure.

The market closed quiet.

Following are today's quotations in the Madras Stock Exchange —

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA LOANS: Thre per cent Paper 98. Three per cent 1986 97-15. Three per cent 1970-75 100

Government of Travancore three per cent 1953-54 101-10.

Government of Madras three per cent 1956 100-8. Three per cent 1960 100.

BANKS: Travancore 16-10.

SUGARS AND BREWERIES: Deccan 17, Mysore 46. Travancore 7-3.

PLANTINGS: Chembras 4-1. Cochin Malabar 4-1. Nellimoothy 1-6-6. Pernakramalai 22. Pulmangode 6-13-6. Thirumnadi 1-8-6. T. R. and T Co. 5-7.

TEXTILES: Balasubramani 40-8. Bangalore Woollen (xd) 206. Buckingham (xd) 152. Coimbatore Cm 117-8. Cambodia (Cd) 9-8. Coimatore Spot 45. Janardhana (xd) 42-8. Laksmni 63-8. Madura (xd) 40-14. Metur 306-8. Pankaja 91. Raghakrishna (Cd) 144. Ranga Vilas 45. Trav. Rayons 3-12. Trichinopoly Cd 11-2. Vasantha 103.

MISCELLANEOUS: Andhra Cement 64. P.A.C.T. 4-1. India Cement 17-4. Metlur Chem. 6-3. Mysore Chem and Perta 6-8. Mysore Paper 11-2. Spencer 10-12.

CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE

Easier Tendency

CALCUTTA, April 1. (A. P. I.): The market ruled a shade easier round all sections. Only a limited business was put through. Following are today's quotations upto 1-45 p.m.

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES. Three per cent 99, 15 S. L. Ditto 1959 61 100 12, Ditto 1966/68 99 12. Ditto 1970, 75 99 15/6. Four per cent Loan 1960/70 110 5 8. Lot.

BANKS: Bengal Central Bank 8, 12, Bharat 4 2.

COTTONS: Cawnpore Textiles 10 8. Kesoram Pref. 143/8.

COALS: Bengal 421, Deoli 9, 10, Dhemo main 12/12, East Indian 29, Jainty Central 1/13, Satoukuria and Asansol 1,2, Talcher 4, Western Bengal 4, 10.

JUTES: Agapara 22 2, Cra-g 15 4.

MININGS: Burma Corp. 2/6, Copper 2 3, Consolidated annas fifteen, Tavoy Tin -/11/-.

MISCELLANEOUS: Assam Bengal Cement 6 15, Bone Valley Cement 6/2, Calcutta Electric 18/11, Indian Iron and Steel 24/6, Kumarduhubi 7/14, Steel Corp. 20/4, B. I. C. 8/3, Indian Woods Products 30 9, New Investment 70, Jardine Henderson Pref 107, British Burmah Petrol 1/5, Indo Burma Petrol 42 Indian Paper Pulp 151, Mahapara Zemindary 67/12, India Steamship 7/12.

SUGARS: Ramnugar Cane 15/9

TEAS: Bishnauth 35/12, Ethelbari 9 4, Jutlibari 20.

Ahmedabad Share Market

(From Our Correspondent.)
AHMEDABAD, April 1.

Market ruled easy.

Closing quotations: Nutan 500, Armedabad Cotton 401-4-0, Rohit 120, Lal Tibi 140, Bharat Suryodaya 92-8-0, Girdhar Harivallabh 207-8-0, Calico 1178, Arvind 1491, Ambika 421, Jupiter 336, Maradon 187, Monobram 173, Banaspur 503, Registered 1470, New Commercial 1046.

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PARLIAMENT TAKES UP HINDU CODE BILL

Move To Put Off Consideration Fails: Naziruddin Ahmed's Attempt At 'Filibustering'

NEW DELHI, April 1 (A.P.I.): The Dominion Parliament heard one of the longest speeches of the present session today from Mr. Naziruddin Ahmed who spoke for the whole day on the Hindu Code Bill and had not finished when the House adjourned.

MANY INTERRUPTIONS

In his speech, which was frequently interrupted by members and described by one of them, Mr. B. Das, as "an attempt at filibustering", Mr. Naziruddin Ahmed quoted instances from the Bill in support of his amendment that the Bill should be recirculated or recommitted to the Select Committee, as in his view "substantial" departure had been made by the Select Committee from the original Bill.

The Speaker intervened several times to remind interrupting members that every member had a full right to state his case, particularly on a controversial measure like the Hindu Code Bill.

The Parliament will continue consideration of the Bill tomorrow.

ABORTIVE ATTEMPT TO PUT OFF CONSIDERATION

An abortive attempt to further postpone consideration of the Hindu Code Bill was made today in Parliament when Mr. Lakshmikanta Maitra pointed out what he called "the irregular manner in which the motion was being brought before the House from time to time."

Several members: Question.

Mr. Maitra said many members had the impression that in view of the heavy pressure of Government business the Bill would not be taken up during the present session. The Bill was of such a controversial nature that they did not believe it would be proceeded with in different stages.

The House was attenuated because the debate on the Budget was over and the Government had sprung a "surprise" by moving for consideration of this Bill. He said this was not fair.

Mr. Mahabir Tyagi wanted to know how long the House was going to discuss the Bill and what was the programme of the Government in this respect.

NO POINT OF ORDER

The Deputy Speaker, Mr. Ananthasayanam Ayyangar, who was occupying the Chair said that no point of order was raised by Mr. Maitra. He was in full sympathy with Mr. Maitra but there was no way out now. Normally the agenda for such important subjects used to be given at least a week before. On important matters of this kind, Government must have given proper notice in fairness to the members.

He could not guarantee how long the discussion would continue and he could not fix time limit on the speeches on controversial matters of this kind. He would, however, see that irrelevant remarks and repetition of points were avoided.

RECIRCULATE BILL: NAZIRUDDIN AHMED'S AMENDMENT

Commending his amendment to the House which sought either to recirculate the Bill for public opinion or to recommit it to the Select Committee, Mr. Naziruddin Ahmed contended that a Bill of this magnitude required that it should be dieliberated without interruption and at length. Otherwise, it would be difficult for members as well as the public to appreciate its full implications.

There was hardly any Member in the House who was competely in favour of all the provisions. Some were in Favour of the provisions relating to marriage, a few in regard to inheritance and many in respect of guardianship and maintenance. If the Government had brought separate measures some of the non-controversial bills could have been adopted.

DEPARTURE FROM ORIGINAL BILL

Mr. Naziruddin Ahmed further maintained that the Departmental Committee went beyond the purpose of the original Bill moved by Mr. Jogendra Nath Mandal, the then Law Member, and presented to the Select Committee a Bill which introduced serious and important changes. He then cited various provisions where the alleged departure was made.

Mr. Tajmal Hussain raised a point of order whether the Member was right in referring to the point after the Chair had already ruled that the Select Committee did consider the original Bill.

The Speaker Mr. Mavlanker, held that the Member was arguing in support of the amendments. Therefore, though his ruling stood, the Member was within his right in making out a case that there had been a substantial departure from the original Bill and it was, therefore, necessary now to re-circulate it.

"EXASPERATING THE HOUSE"

For two hours Mr. Naziruddin Ahmed enumerated instances where changes, which he described as "substantial ones", were made by the Departmental Committee in the original Bill. He was frequently interrupted by several members.

At one stage, Mr. B. Das was heard remarking that this was not a law court. Mr. Naziruddin Ahmed objected, to the remarks.

Mr. B. Das: "I am only speaking to my friends sitting beside me."

Mr. Ananthasayanam Ayyengar: "The Hon'ble Member ought not to talk and cause noise in the House".

Mr. B. Das: "The Hon'ble Member is exasperating the House."

The Deputy Speaker: "Members may or may not agree with the opinions expressed by another Member, but they should not dub another Member's speech as exasperating."

BAKSHI TEK CHAND'S CLARIFICATION

Mr. Naziruddin Ahmed, containing, Mr. Naziruddin Ahmed, continuing, asked Dr. Bakshi Tek Chand (a member of the Select Committee) whether the Select Committee were aware of the changes.

Dr. Bakshi Tek Chand, said that he had pointed out all the changes which Mr. Naziruddin Ahmed had stated today and he had appended a minute of dissent wherein he had stated that the Bill should be recirculated for public opinion or recommitted to the Select Committee.

Mr. Naziruddin Ahmed said that he was grateful to Dr. Bakshi Tek Chand for clearing the issue. It was clear, however, that other "legal luminaries" had argued that the changes were substantial in character. He would go on giving illustrations till the Law Minister was convinced.

Dr. Ambedkar: "You need not waste your labour on that score. I have not an empty mind, but have an open mind."

Mr. Naziruddin Ahmed had not concluded his speech when the House adjourned for the day.

The Parliament will continue consideration of the Hindu Code Bill tomorrow.

Indian Delegation To U.N. Scientific Conference

NEW DELHI, April 1, (A.P.I.): The Government of India have decided to send a delegation of seven scientists to attend the United Nations Scientific Conference on the Conservation and Utilisation of resources meeting at Lake Success from August 17 to September 6, this year, the Department of Scientific Research announced here today.

The delegation will be led by Dr. S. S. Bhatnagar. Other members of the delegation are Dr. J. N. Mukerjee, Dr. S. I. Hora, Dr. J. C. Ghosh, Dr. K. S. Krishnan, Mr. A. N. Khosla, and Prof. P. C. Mahlanobis.

DEFICIT BUDGET FOR MADHYA BHARAT

GWALIOR, April 1 (API): The budget for the United States of Madhyabharat for the year 1949-50 showed a deficit of rupees 4,37,74,582.

The Revenue receipts are estimated at Rs. 9,80,06,300 and expenditure at Rs. 14,17,80,882.

The Finance Minister, Mr. Ramkrishna Dixit, presenting the budget yesterday to the Interim Legislative Assembly said that the huge gap between revenue and expenditure was expected to be reduced by imposing income tax and levying excise duty on cloth produced in Madhyabharat on the same lines as the Government of India. These two items would together yield 64 lakhs and would come into force from April 1.

SEPARATION OF RAILWAY FINANCE

Committee To Review Working Of Convention

NEW DELHI, April 1. (A.P.I.): The Indian Parliament today agreed to a motion moved by the Transport Minister, Mr. N. Gopalaswamy Ayyangar for the appointment of a Committee of nine to review the working of the convention adopted by the Central Assembly in 1924 for the separation of Railway finance from general finance.

The Committee will also examine the constitution and administration of the Railway Depreciation Reserve Fund, the Railway Betterment Fund, the Railway Reserve Fund and other ancillary matters and make recommendations before December 31, 1949.

"NO USE CONDUCTING INQUIRY NOW"

In a brief debate on the motion, Mr. B. Das said that the present was not the proper time to conduct any such inquiry. The economic situation in the country had not stabilised and no useful results could be achieved by conducting an inquiry now.

Mr. R. K. Sidhwa said that the issue had often been raised in the House before, and Government had agreed to examine the question. He supported the motion.

Pandit Kunzru said that the Railway Enquiry Committee which recently submitted its report had reached the conclusion that an enquiry into the working of the convention was necessary. The Committee, however, thought that unless the trade position and the price level became clear, no useful results could be achieved by an inquiry. The Committee could be appointed next year, but in the meantime the Transport Minister could discuss with the Finance Minister the various questions and come to an understanding.

Mr. Khandubhai Desai (Labour) emphasised the necessity for the convention and were opposed to the view the convention. Labour had all along demanded for a review of the conveition and were opposed to the financial allocations recommended by the convention.

REVISION OF CONVENTION "LONG OVERDUE"

Mr. Ananthasayanam Ayyangar supporting the motion said that a revision of the convention was long overdue. For example there was always a controversy on the fixation of the depreciation amount at one-sixtieth of the capital charge. But today if an engine or plant had to be replaced they had to spend three times the original cost.

Mr. B. Das said that enough time had not been given to members to study the Railway Enquiry Committee Report which was a very valuable, voluminous document. He did agree, however, that during the current financial year decisions on questions like the depreciation fund should be taken.

"NO NEED FOR THIRD COMMITTEE"

Mr. Mahabir Tyagi asked whether there was need for appointing a third committee of the kind suggested, because the Railway Ministry already had the benefit of advice of two committees of the House—The Railway Standing Committee and the Railway Finances Committee. He, however, appreciated the keenness with which the Railway Minister and the Minister of State were tackling railway problems. Mr. Tyagi also urged that if they were appointing a third committee it should also be asked to make recommendations on the larger issues like the reorganisation of the railways.

GOPALASWAMY AYYANGAR'S REPLY

The Railway Minister, Mr. N. Gopalaswamy Ayyangar said that most members had agreed that a Committee of the kind suggested should be appointed to make implementable recommendations. At present questions like the contribution of the railways to the General Revenues were settled on an 'ad hoc' basis. The convention was originally adopted as early as 1924 and there was no doubt an urgent need to review that resolution. The Government had expected that the Kunzru Railway Enquiry Committee would make recommendations on this question. But the Committee had taken the view that the present conditions were so uncertain that a review of the existing position need not be undertaken for some years to come. The Government's view, however, was that the matter should not be delayed any longer, and that the question of placing Railway Finances on a satisfactory basis was one of utmost importance which could not be postponed merely on the ground that conditions were uncertain. Further, they could not rule out the possibility of conditions remaining uncertain even after two or three years.

NEW COMMITTEE'S ROLE

After all the Committee would not say that so many crores of rupees should be given to the Depreciation Fund and so many crores to the General Revenues. It would only examine the principles on which contributions to these respective funds should be made.

Referring to Mr. Tyagi's suggestion that the existing Standing Committees for Railways should deal with this question also instead of having a third Committee, the Minister said the questions which the new Committee would tackle would not relate merely to the Railways but also to General Finances. It was, therefore, necessary that the Committee should be sufficiently representative to be able to understand and pronounce judgment upon conflicting views that might be presented to it by those espousing Railway Finances and General Finances.

The House passed the motion.

INDO-CZECH TRADE AGREEMENT

A trade agreement between India and Czechoslovakia being signed at New Delhi on March 29 by Mr. C. C. Desai, Commerce Secretary on behalf of India and Mr. A. S. Biheller, Czechoslovak Charge d'Affaires on behalf of his country. The agreement aims at the promotion of direct trade relations between the two countries.

HOW TO REIMBURSE PROVINCES FOR MONEY SPENT ON HYDERABAD

Question Under Consideration, Says Sardar In Parliament

NEW DELHI, April 1 (API).—Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Deputy Prime Minister, said in Parliament today that an estimate of the expenditure incurred in connection with the police action in Hyderabad was being compiled. The question of recovery of the amount so incurred from the Hyderabad State treasury was under consideration, he added.

Stating these points in reply to Mr. R. K. Sidhwa, Sardar Patel said that the amount spent by the Laik Ali Ministry in propaganda in India and foreign countries approximated Rs. 50,00 000 (Hyderabad Currency). The amount set aside for representation to the United Nations Organisation to represent Hyderabad case by the Laik Ali Ministry was about Rs 3,50,000.

Sardar Patel said these did not include large amounts given to the Hyderabad State officials in England, half of which were transferred to the Pakistan account.

Replying to supplementaries, Sardar Patel said that the policy adopted by the Laik Ali Ministry was contrary to the terms of the Standstill Agreement.

Mr Sidhwa: As regards Rs. 50,00,000 spent by Laik Ali in propaganda, does the Government propose to recover the amount from Mir Laik Ali?

Sardar Patel: It is difficult to say. I am not aware that he is worth so much.

Mr Mahabir Tyagi: Are investigations being made about those persons who had received money from the Hyderabad Government?

Sardar Patel: There were intermediaries who were not honest persons. Evidence disclosed that in some cases money did not reach thte persons to whom it was intended.

A Member: Is there any arrangement to reimburse provincial Governments for the money they had spent in regard to Hyderabad affair?

Sardar Patel: That question is under consideration.

"ABOLISH RICKSHAW PULLING"

The Government of India have advised the provincial governments on the desirability of abolishing rickshaw-pulling and substituting it by other forms of transport as quickly as possible, said Rajkumari Amrit Kaur, Minister of Health, today in Parliament in reply to Mr. Kishorimohan Tripathi. She said that Government were not in favour of continuing this form of human labour.

Dr. P. S. Deshmukh—Have the Government thought of substitute employment for rickshaw-pullers?

Rajkumari Amrit Kaur:—Naturally that is a matter which we will take up.

EXCAVATIONS BRANCH

A scheme for strengthening the Excavations Branch of the Department of Archaeology was under the active consideration of Government, the Education Minister told the Parliament today replying to a question by Mr. Tajmul Hussain.

If the scheme was sanctioned and sufficient funds were available, exploration was proposed to be undertaken to determine the comparative importance of known sites. If the exploration showed that the site of Vikramsil in Bhagalpur (Bihar) was of greater importance than others, priority would be given to it for excavation in the programme of fieldwork.

EXPORT DUTY ON JUTE

The Finance Minister Dr. John Matthai said that the West Bengal Government had asked for an increased share in the export duty on jute. After a careful consideration of the West Bengal Government's representation, it had been decided that the existing allocation should continue for the coming year and that for the future, arrangements should be made to have an expert enquiry conducted into the allocation of the duty so that the revised allocation might take effect when the new constitution came into force.

Pandit Lakshmikant Maitra asked whether all the jute exported from Calcutta were processed in Calcutta.

The Finance Minister said that that was one contention of the West Bengal Government. The proposed enquiry committee would no doubt be going in lal Bhargava in Parliament today.

INTERESTS ON GOVERNMENT LOANS

Matthai's Reply To Tripathi

NEW DELHI, April 1. (API)—The Finance Minister Dr. John Matthai estimated payments this year by the Government of India by way of interests on the loans raised at Rs. 48.1 crores. He gave this estimate in reply to Mr. K. Tripathi in Parliament today. The amount, he said, varied from year to year.

The Finance Minister added that the total amount of interest recovered on loans and advances other than advances to Commercial Departments of the Central Government was estimated at Rs. 6.13 crores. The Commercial Departments of the Government paid interests on the advances given to them on the same basis as the rates of interest charged on Government bonds.

NEW DESIGN FOR CURRENCY NOTES

No Change In Existing Denominations Says Matthai

NEW DELHI, April 1, (API): The King's effigy on Indian currency notes would be replaced by the Asoka Pillar, the Finance Minister, Dr. John Matthai, told Pandit Mukut Beharilal Bhargava in Parliament today.

The Finance Minister added that the new design notes were expected to be put into circulation within the next few months. Changes in the designs of the coins, including that of the replacement of the King's effigy, were under consideration.

Answering another question, the Finance Minister said no change was proposed in the existing denominations of notes and coins at present. Nor was it proposed to demonetise the existing currency which would continue to be fully legal tender along with the new design notes and coins, he added.

Inquiry Into Working Of Government Presses

EXPERT COMMITTEE APPOINTED

NEW DELHI, April 2, (A.P.I.): The Government of India has appointed an Expert Committee to examine the working of Government of India presses, a resolution in the Gazette of India stated today. Under its terms of reference the Committee will also determine the overall printing capacity required by Government the location of presses, the manner in which Government work should be distributed among existing presses and the need for establishment of new presses.

Mr. Ramnath Goenka, Managing Director of the Indian Express of Madras, is the chairman of the expert Committee which will consist of the following four other members:

1. Mr. F. Borton Proprietor, Caxton Press, Bombay, 2, Mr. H. K. Das, Managing Director, Eagle Litho and Co., Calcutta, 3. Mr. F. H. Rauledar, Superintendent, Hoe and Co., Madras 4. The Controller of Printing and Stationery.

BANGALORE, April 1, (A. P. I.): The Universities Commission, headed by Dr. S. Radhakrishnan, Chairman of the Commission, arrived here this afternoon from Trivandrum on a week's tour of Bangalore and Mysore.

Soon after arrival the members visited the Jayachama-Rajendra occupation institute and spent an hour going round the various sections.

MIXED GRILL

IS there a man with soul so dead that when he sees a monkey, he does not pause and see its antic with a sense of curiosity, amusement and even pleasure? Maybe he accepts kinship with the monkey a la Darwin. Or maybe he is like one of my college mates who indignantly repudiated the theory of Evolution and when told that Darwin had proved it said: "It may be true of the Europeans, but not of us." But repudiation of our simian ancestry does not come in the way of our appreciation of the monkey.

That is why all true lovers of the monkey—who is not?—must stand aghast at the cold blooded campaign of extermination of monkeys which is reported to have been pursued by the Government of Orissa. In the days of the atom bomb, no one is likely to be too much upset at mere killing. That is a part of the blessings of tweptieth century civilisation. But the reported treatment of the monkeys after the cartridge had done its work is gruesome in the extreme.

The monkey killer, it appears, was asked to decapitate the monkey and produce the head before the Sub-Divisional officer concerned "in whose presence the heads were to be crushed", in order to claim a reward of three rupees. It appears the monkey heads rotted in transit and the order went forth that thereafter the tail and paw of each monkey killed should be produced—as if these were rot proof.

Still later it was ordained that the shikaris could produce the carcasses of the killed monkeys before the rural Sub-Registrars and receive payment for them. And here government red tape became at once grim and ridiculous. "The Government passed orders that rural Sub-Registrars will have the tails and the paws of the monkeys destroyed in their presence and send a reward statement with a certificate of destruction (both in triplicate, we presume) to the Sub-Divisional officers who will then send the rewards by postal money order to the claimants."

Perhaps the Orissa Government has ventured on this barbarity because it feels the monkeys are otless and cannot hold protest meetings. But are no friends, sympathisers and fellow travellers of the monkey tribe left in that benighted province?

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HAVING read the praise (mostly pinched) of fools with which this feature started, a colleague reminded us of a political personality of considerable importance who would experience some difficulty in reading our stuff. A story perhaps apocryphal, (perhaps true) has it that this personality asked: "where is the....?" in circumstances where the query was capable of being misunderstood. Promptly a volunteer ran off and fetched a bouquet of flowers. Much abashed the man explained in an aside: "I meant English pphool, not Hindustani pphool."

Grumbler

NEW MADRAS MINISTRY

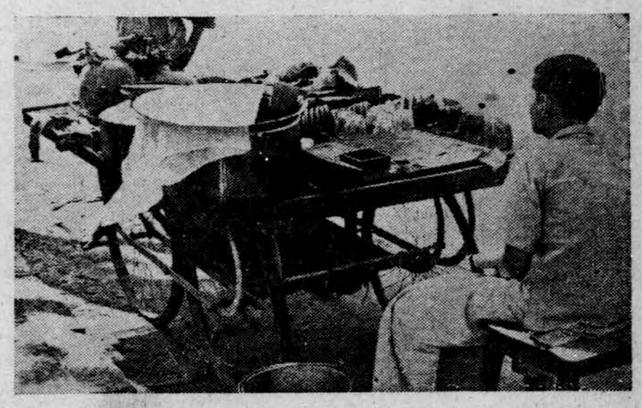
May Assume Office On April 6

MADRAS, April 1, (A.P.I.): Mr. P. S. Kumaraswami Rajah, Premier-Designate, Madras told pressmen this afternoon that the personnel of his cabinet would be ready only after his return from New Delhi on April 5.

He leaves for Delhi by air tomorrow morning for consultations with the Congress High Command with regard to the composition of the new Ministry. Mr. M. Bakthavatsalam Minister of Public Works in the outgoing Cabinet will accompany him to Delhi.

The new Ministry is expected to assume office on April 6 or 7 in order to enable Mr. Rajah to attend the Premier's Conference to be held in Delhi on April 8.

BOMBAY'S STREET-VENDORS



69. The 'Kalingad-Sherbat-walla'

You cannot help developing a parched feeling in the throat if you looked at this setting with luscious, red slices of water-melon arranged neatly in front of a pot with red liquid. It may take more than a glass to quench your thirst. You may even develop a sore throat in trying to get over that parched feeling but the tangy flavour of the melon will linger in your mouth and the artificial colouring material stick to your tongue for a long while. The Kalingad-Sherbat-walla is an institution in Bombay. You will always be tempted to overlook the presence of that dirty bucket behind his push-cart. It is for cleaning tumblers after the customers have had their sip. In the heat of summer with Bombay's depleted water resources you should not mind if a single bucket of water serves to clean a dozen tumblers repeatedly. Neither should you mind the flying particles of dust that may settle on those slices.

MUTT AND JEFF—You'll Have To Admit Jeff Is A Good Official Worrier

By BUD FISHER

JEFF, I'M WORRIED! WORRY IS GETTIN' ME DOWN!
AW- IT'S SILLY TO WORRY, MUTT!
I WANT YOU TO MAKE LIFE EASIER FOR ME! YOU BE MY OFFICIAL WORRIER! WHEN WORRIES POP UP YOU TAKE CARE OF 'EM FOR ME!
SURE!
MUTT, YOU OWE ME SIX BUCKS!
JEFF, TAKE CARE OF THAT WORRY!
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LISTEN, YOU! I WANT THAT DOUGH NOW!
JEFF!
DON'T WORRY, MUTT! I'M WORRYIN FOR YA!
OH, HAVE I GOT A HEADACHE!
DON'T WORRY, MUTT! I'LL TAKE AN ASPIRIN FOR YOU!

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